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MAC Members' Show Draws Holiday Crowd

Marion Art Center

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

It may have been cold outside, but it was warm and bright inside the Marion Art Center last Friday evening as people gathered to view the variety of creations for sale and on exhibit at the annual members' holiday show.

Colorful photos, paintings, handmade soaps, driftwood trees, scarves, jewelry, wool hats and gloves, and many other handmade items were displayed along the walls of the Cecil Davis Clark Gallery. Truman Terrell played holiday music on the piano, putting everyone in the holiday spirit. Plenty of snacks and appetizers were available with café-style seating for patrons to sit and socialize.

Upstairs, in the Patsy Francis Gallery, spot lighting showcased the work hung along the walls, and guests walked up close and side to side to view the many creations on display. Handmade doll clothes, scarves, photos, toys, and jewelry, along with other art works, were also on display.

"Our annual holiday members' show is always a big draw," MAC Executive Director Debra Bokelkamp said.

"I love this show and come every year," said Sheila Furtado, a musician and actress who has performed in many a MAC production. "I'm now on the board and just truly enjoy this place."

Carlton Nickerson showed off a driftwood tree he purchased.

"I am always happy when I come here, and find all the new artwork so interesting and refreshing," said Nickerson, a retired professor of language and visual arts who enjoys art shows and galleries.

"Look at this wool felted soap," said Diane Lash, who promptly purchased a couple of soaps for family and friends.

Artists and their families, friends, neighbors, and those just passing by, stopped in for some winter cheer and appetizers, as well as for a chance to see the works and meet the artists.

"We have over 25 artists represented here," Bokelkamp said. "Our volunteers, board members, and exhibition committee worked like gangbusters to make this annual holiday event happen. Our mission, or purpose, is to promote the arts and serve the community. Come on in and see these beautiful, affordable gifts of art."

To learn more about the holiday shop, go to www.marionartcenter.org. Admission is free, and the gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

Town Planner Search in Full Swing

Rochester Planning Board

By Shawn Badgley

Rochester's search for a new Town Planner is under way, three months after John Charbonneau left to take a position with Raynham.

The search committee will include Planning Board Chairman Arnie Johnson and member Ben Bailey, in addition to Town Administrator Richard LaCamera and Selectman Bradford Morse.

"We'll meet the week after next to whittle down the candidates," Johnson said. "Hopefully we'll start the new year off with a planner."

Like Charbonneau, who split his time in Rochester with similar duties in Wareham, the next Rochester planner will be part-time.

On the Cover: *The Annual Thanksgiving Banquet at ORRJH served up seniors a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings. During this holiday season many people depend on the kindness of those willing to give. If you belong to an organization helping others this season contact The Wanderer so we can help you get the word out. Have a Happy Thanksgiving! Photo by Felix Perez*

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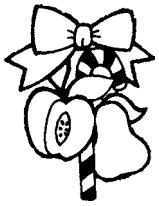
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In other news at last week's Planning Board meeting, Johnson announced that member Mike Murphy had resigned from both that body and the Rochester Zoning Bylaw Subcommittee.

"I'm sorry he's gone, because he was a real asset to the board," Planning Board member Susan Teal said. "He was a walking encyclopedia."

Elsewhere on the agenda, the Planning Board once again continued the public hearing for the proposed Covanta Energy CNG Fueling Station, this time until December 10.

In addition, the Planning Board scheduled a December 5 site visit to the Little Quittacas Solar Project at 33 North Ave. to inspect the constructed berm and storm-water drainage basins. Currently, Rochester holds a $495,000 bond to ensure specifications are met. Johnson said that the berm and basins are at or near completion, as well as in compliance, but there are areas where grass has not sprouted. The plan, Johnson said, is to release upward of $490,000 of the bond back to Little Quittacas, holding on to about $5,000 until the Planning Board can do a final check on the premises.

Voters Say No Way to CPA

Rochester Fall Town Meeting

By Shawn Badgley

Voters packed the Rochester Memorial School on Monday night to decide the fate of 12 articles, but a



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majority of those voters – a vast majority, in fact – made it clear that they were in attendance mainly to stop the Community Preservation Act from making it to the spring election ballot.

They succeeded.

Article 11– which would have enabled the Rochester electorate to vote on a state law allowing communities to establish a local fund and receive partial matching money to support affordable housing, parks and recreation (including athletic fields), open spaces, and historic resources – was soundly defeated by majority vote. A veritable parade of residents – from a 24-year-old new landowner to Planning Board Chairman Arnie Johnson – marched to the microphone to blast the CPA, with every exhortation to avoid the 1.5% property tax surcharge receiving applause.

Residents wanted no part of the program, which the Conservation Commission had advocated for during the past few months, and they expressed concern that it would serve special interests and hit taxpayers hard.

Elsewhere on the warrant, voters also rejected

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All other articles presented at Rochester Fall Town Meeting passed with little debate (save for Article 12, which would have created a Community Preservation Committee but was rendered unnecessary in the wake of Article 11's defeat). They included:

Article 1, Supplemental Appropriations;

Article 2, Used Ladder Truck, which appropriated $75,000 for a Fire Department upgrade;

Article 4, which defines "Roadside Stand" and "Farm Stand";

Article 5, which will regulate the dimensions of accessory structures for homeowners;

Article 6, which defines and provides zoning guidelines for medical marijuana treatment centers;

Article 7, which addresses site plan review applications and fees;

Article 8, which amends the site plan review bylaw;

Article 9, which will increase the Marriage Intention fee from $5 to $20; and

Article 10, which amends the Council on Aging bylaws.

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Three Hearings, Three OK'd Projects

Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals

By Marilou Newell

Calling all three projects before them good for

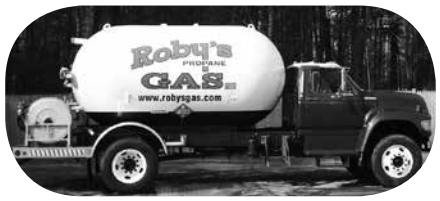


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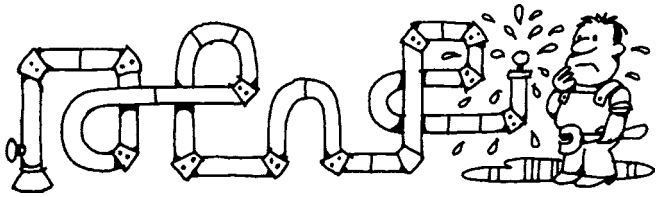
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the town, the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals, with Building Inspector Andy Bobola on hand to provide his expert opinion, moved swiftly through the public hearings on Thursday night's agenda.

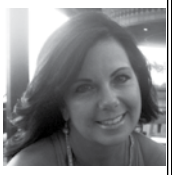
First up were Jordan and Jessica Collyer, of 5 Hillside Ave., who came before the board to request approval for a 700-foot change to their home, which will include a new garage and living space. The home was built in 1955, and the Collyers are looking to gain a more useable garage and more living space for their family's needs. Bobola advised the board that the requested modifications would fit with the neighborhood. The Collyers received approval.

The second project was for property owned by Kevin and Lisa Geraghty for their 1843 home located at 24 Pine Island Rd. This project was also to expand living space needs of the homeowner, along with a new pool, patio areas, and the evaluation of the garage. Some of the work planned will help improve drainage that is currently a problem due to storm water runoff. Increasing the evaluation of the garage and pitching the grade away from the structure will solve that problem. The kitchen area will be expanded with a lounge area to increase the overall useable space. David Davignon of Schneider & Associates, representing the applicants, detailed the planned alterations and noted that he had been before the Conservation Commission and received approval with conditions. The project was approved.

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The Zoning Board of Appeals will not meet again

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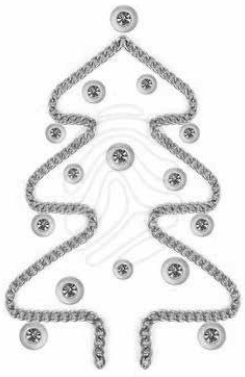


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Another Round with Leisure Shores

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

Once again, the members of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission met with Shepard Johnson, an attorney representing Robert Ringuette of Leisure Shores Marina.

This third meeting, which was a continuation from two previous meetings, produced little in the way of detailed information from the applicant. Instead, the board received a flood of questions, many of which Johnson had asked at previous appointments. Failing to provide the board with a report from the engineer who had some delineation services for the applicant disappointed members, as did the failure of Johnson to secure an answer from the applicant as to whether he would be amenable to paying up to $5,000 to cover the costs of outside peer review.

There was nearly two hours of discourse between Johnson and the commission members, primarily Chairman Peter Newton and member Bob Rogers. Johnson said that the board was to have provided a scope of work for the applicant. That was submitted to counsel and reviewed. However, in spite of repeatedly being asked about activities taking place at the marina, what the scheduled plans are for the degrading Styrofoam floats, and the potential filling in of wetlands areas, Johnson didn't answer. Instead he returned to whether or not the board might be overreaching and again mentioned a three-year statue of limitations.

Citing the lack of what he perceived as less than full disclosure due to missing documents, Johnson said it was hard to know what the board wanted or what permits were currently in force. Rogers said that the applicant should have a full set of documents and permits, and that all previous conditions are filed with the Plymouth County Registry, and are therefore available to Ringuette.

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A permit issued in 1991 appears to confirm limitation of activities, yet an abutter had submitted photographs in 2004 that seemed to show heavy equipment moving soils and filling in wetland areas. Noting possible wetland act violations, Newton said, "it's the rationale for us asking for outside peer review." The commission wants to establish historic wetland delineations to either confirm or refute illegal filling.

One major issue that has plagued the residents in the area of the marina for some years is the continuing deterioration of Styrofoam floats. Johnson said that the applicant has been reviewing economic solutions, but hasn't yet determined the best course of action.

Horace Field, newly retired harbormaster, has attended each of the hearings bringing evidence of the poor condition of the floats. He said, "If anyone wants to see pollution, I'll walk you down to the marsh. That stuff is bleeding off all of the time." Newton said it was much more than the large pieces, but also all the individual pellets that foul the waters and marsh. "The fish and birds eat that stuff," he added.

Newton said that he needed an answer from Ringuette regarding engaging peer review as noted in

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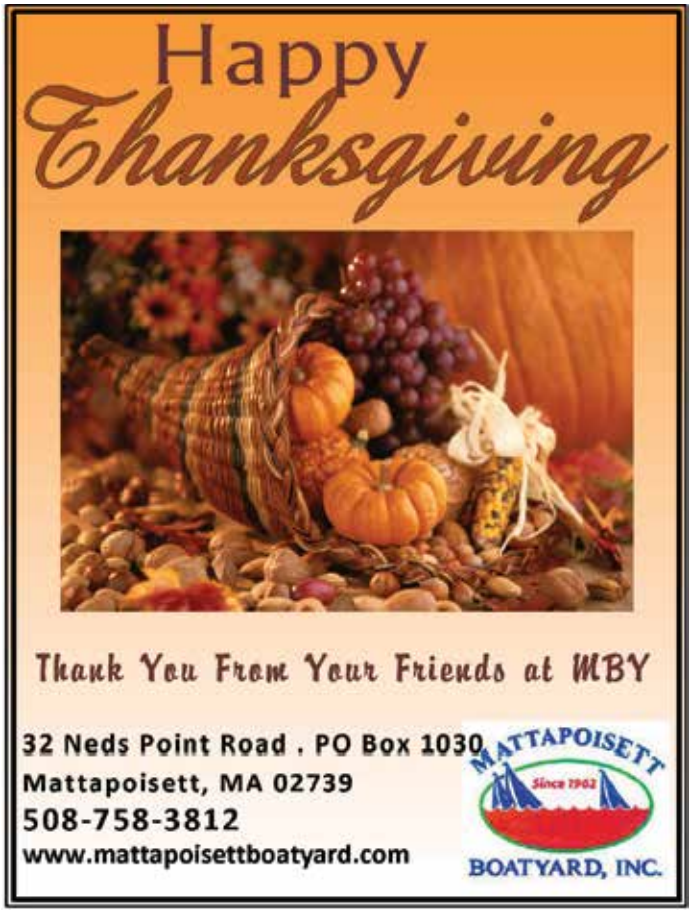
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Johnson said he needed to review all of the files. The hearing is continued until December 23.

Also on the agenda was Carol Mallegni regarding property located at the corner of Nashawena and Shawmut Roads for the construction of a single-family dwelling. Represented by Dave Davignon, Schneider & Associates, the commission received detailed information on the plans and wetlands along the site. One abutter, Robert Rousseau, came forward concerned about losing a water view that his family has enjoyed for five generations and the possible loss of well water levels. The applicant and the abutter were given time to discuss the plans, after which Davignon asked that the commission vote to approve the plans contingent upon conditions and possible plan modifications. A purchase and sale agreement is pending. The commission concurred and approved the application.

The last hearing of the night was tabled pending possible plan modifications and completion of soil stabilization. Frank Linhares, 16 Holly Hollow Ln., was requesting a certificate of compliance. Noting that it wasn't of a pressing nature and that he may install a patio area, the request was tabled to a later date.

The Conservation Commission meets again on **December 9** at 6:30 pm.





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ORR Update

By Renae Reints

Last Thursday, Old Rochester Regional High School held their annual Senior Superlatives Gala. Hosted by School Principal Michael Devoll and Drama Club Director Paul Sardinha, the event was a fun-filled night for all who attended. Profits from ticket sales went towards yearbook club to defer the cost of the 2013-2014 yearbooks.

After being nominated and elected by their peers, seniors won entertaining awards such as Most Likely to Succeed (Leah Thomas and John Hewitt) and Cutest Best Friends (Robby Magee and Ryan Simcoe). Best Personality went to Kelly Merlo and Alden Truesdale, while Best All-Around went to Callie Gomes and Chris Carando. Friendliest was awarded to Doug Blais and Emily Hyde. Anne Roseman and Jeremy Bare won Most Changed and Hannah Vieira won Least Changed. Jeremy Bare also won Tallest, while Bridget Costa won Shortest and Most Accident-Prone. Kiernan Besse won Best Dressed. He and his girlfriend, Rachel Brown, were awarded Cutest Couple. Drama King and Queen went to Troy Rood and Nicole Enos – both active members of the school's drama club. Most Athletic went to Colin Knapton and Morgan DaSilva. Other awards, such as Most Musically Inclined (Keren Satkin), Class Clown (Rachael Chandler and Ian Hibbert), Highway Menace (Seth Richards), Teacher's Pet

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(Lizzie Machado), and more were awarded throughout the night.

In other news, the National Honor Society is wrapping up their Thanksgiving food drive while starting up a book drive. The Thanksgiving drive – while not as successful as in previous years – had a decent turnout. All food donations will be given to families in the Tri-Town. The book drive, which started November 18, is a collection for fiction and nonfiction books for students in kindergarten through third grade. At the end of the collection, the books will be donated to the Renaissance School in New Bedford.

AFS club has also been busy these past few weeks. The club ran their third annual pie sale for the



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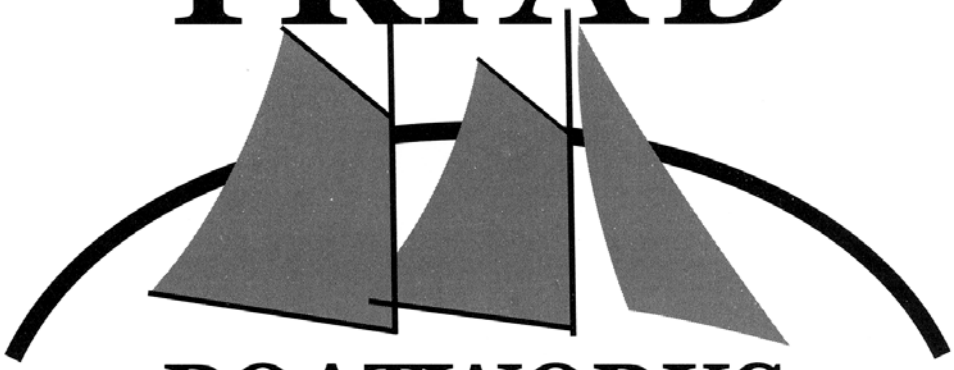
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To the Editor:

"What matters most in the decades ahead is the extent to which we cultivate creativity, ingenuity, curiosity, innovation, and thinking differently. These qualities have been the genius of American culture. These traits are not measured by standardized tests." – Diane Ravitch, Research Professor of Education at New York University and a historian of education.

I have not written in a while. Parents and teachers and community members, however, continue to stop me in my walking or my running or grocery shopping to tell me how much they have valued my letters, agreed with my views, and hoped that I would write more.

My purpose in writing this and the previous

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letters is to inform and educate the citizens of the towns in the Old Rochester Regional school district on the current issues in education and to connect that information to our own school district. I write again hoping that with informed views parents, teachers, students, and community members will contact the school committees and administrators and ask questions and air concerns.

With no end to the articles to read, editorials to consider, research analyses to digest – the available material detailing the damage being done to education by the data-driven decision-making - I need to encourage everyone concerned to seek information and question our school committee members and administrators before they do further damage to a once stellar and much admired school district in favor of standardized tests and data, computerized instruction and assessment, and school rankings. The data reported is about schools, not our children. The PARCC tests are coming.

Books, articles, editorials, blogs, professional journals, transcripts of lectures, research reports from university studies: Each day we can all read about changes in teaching practice and curriculum development, stress over test taking among even our youngest students, creativity and individuality overlooked and deemphasized and replaced by teaching-to-the-test instruction and the highlighting of isolated test questions – these factors are all doing damage to our children's educational experience. We all need





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to remember, as I have said in previous letters, that children go through school only once, and we have the responsibility to offer them the best and most inspiring experience possible. In my view, the notable people not reading and acting on all the current material available on the detriments of standardized testing and the narrowing of curriculum are the administrators and school committees of the Old Rochester District; in particular, the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, who seems to focus on data, assessment, and numbers and to neglect instruction and creativity. Rather than recognizing and celebrating the well-respected, high-performing district we have formerly celebrated, the current environment is becoming more and more of a teaching-to-the-test driven one.

Another reason for another letter is my recent experience as a member of the Strategic Plan Forum. I was happy to join the Strategic Plan Committee, because I care about the students and the schools of the Old Rochester Regional District, and I thought I could contribute a credible voice and work with others toward formulating the five-year plan. The whole experience could not have been more of a letdown for me and for others. Many of those with whom I interacted were parents; some were parents new to the district, eager to contribute. Although I had nothing to do with the planning of it, I was embarrassed for my school district as we sat through the most uninspired, unenthusiastic, talk-



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to-you-from-a PowerPoint presentation. The first forum was the assembly of the entire group in the evening in the high school cafeteria; all constituencies present – parents, teachers, administrators, and community members. Everyone in the room had received a packet with the research done on the district in terms of demographics, enrollment projections, housing markets in the towns, school test scores, etc. My tablemates and I spoke about how we had read the information prior to attending and some of us had highlighted important points. I had read the complete packet twice. The information had been sent to us by Diana Russo, the Superintendent's administrative secretary, who is always organized and prepared – clearly and consistently showing competency way beyond her position and beyond those of our two highest administrators.

Superintendent White with no enthusiasm in his voice introduced the consultants who were hired to facilitate and thanked those present for being there. No time was given for those present to identify themselves and to state which constituency they represented. The Strategic Plan Steering Committee was never introduced, although the existence of such a body was mentioned several times. Because I had recently retired as a teacher in the district, those at my table turned to me to fill them in. I did not know who was who in the room, except for a couple of administrators and teachers. Very poor planning on the part of the facilitators. When I got home,

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On to NESDEC, the presenters: The presentation was a projected slide show of all the information sent ahead of time. The NESDEC leader read to us what we had already read. Why were we there? No discussion followed. We had had a "light supper" and left with no new information, dismissed in less time than the two hours allotted.

On the following Saturday, small groups met in the superintendent's conference room for our focus group discussions, again facilitated by NESDEC. We listed strengths and weaknesses for the district that were paraphrased and projected on a screen. Very little time was given for discussion. Our Assistant Superintendent was not even present at my group's assigned time, and our Superintendent seldom looked up. Again, as someone who loves our district and cares about education, I was embarrassed and disappointed. Why our administrators could not have come up with an innovative plan for developing a community form, I don't understand. Why they turned to NESDEC, an antiquated group with no new ideas, I don't know. I will add more on the Strategic

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Plan experience in another letter, since I need to move on to another topic today.

I have read so much recently about how more and more young students are being diagnosed with ADD, ADHD, anxiety, and autism. That is a fact. We ask, "Why?" A plausible emerging answer is that very young students are being required to sit and do tasks for which they are not ready academically, physically, emotionally, and developmentally. The young students are frustrated, act out, withdraw, recognize failure, lose recess privileges, and further lose self-esteem. Parents and teachers want a reason. They do not often enough see the readiness element; hence testing and a diagnosis and perhaps medication – ah, they see there is a solution. Given a more hands-on, creative, and inspiring learning environment – focused on their abilities and readiness and knowing the connection to successful reading, math, and writing success - most students will thrive and become excited about learning, rather than anxious. Children want to learn. If some students struggle even after appropriate and engaging learning experiences, then some monitoring and testing is, of course, warranted.

As Mrs. Demers, whom many readers may remember as the most enthusiastic, creative, and masterful kindergarten teacher at Rochester Memorial School for many years, often said, "Readiness is everything." Mrs. Demers was a gentle genius, who knew that constructive play and carefully crafted

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education experiences, not drill and standardized testing preparation, is what young students need to be learners. Mrs. Demers once told me that the throwing and catching a ball that we do with young children is more effective in getting children's brains ready to read than all the practice in letters and sounds that we often do.

In keeping with the same beautiful educational philosophy as that of Mrs. Demers, 121 authors and illustrators of children's books recently published a letter sent to President Obama and Arne Duncan, the Secretary of Education, expressing their concerns over the current overuse of testing and narrowed curriculum.

The letter reads, in part, "Our public school students spend far too much time preparing for reading

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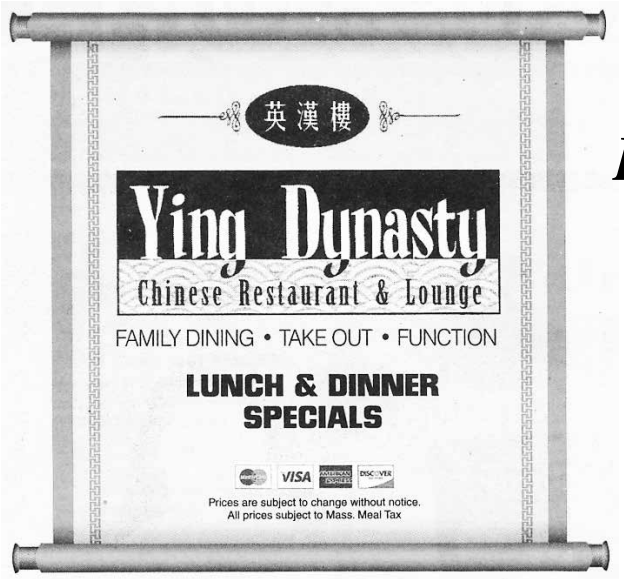
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You can check out the entire inspiring letter and the list of authors and illustrators who signed by searching for: Public Letter on Standardized Testing from Authors and Illustrators of Books for Children and Youth. The letter is clearly a call for concern and a call to action.

Another source to consider is Hal Salzman, a professor of public policy at Rutgers University, who writes on education and economic policy. I will include only a brief quote from an article. Please check him out, too.

"'What's really peculiar about the whole test-score hysteria is that they use it as a proxy for the U.S. "competitiveness and innovation," as though we don't have actual measurements,' said Salzman, an expert in science and engineering labor markets and the globalization of innovation. 'The country continues to lead on innovation, economic performance, and all the results that these things are supposed to indicate … It doesn't mean we don't want to improve education,' Salzman said. 'But the fear that's driving it is unfounded. The problem we have is not at the top or at the middle. It's at the bottom. That's what gets lost in averages and rankings.'"

I am going to end here. I have more information to share on Pearson (particularly on their new profit-seeking involvement in teacher certification through standardized testing in New York State); on our district's use of Galileo, a computerized assessment program on which our students are spending way too much time; and the coming PARCC tests, the nationwide testing attached to the Common Core that has already been piloted in New York State. In New York, four year-olds in public pre-school have been given standardized multiple-choice

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tests. Please seek out information on Pearson and also on the New York State districts that are already opting out of Race to the Top and PARCC assessments, because of the many problems with the test. The ORR District is currently headed in the direction of implementing measures that have already shown themselves to be flawed.

More letters to come.

Thank you for reading. Please take advantage of the information available, and please remember that the school committee members are representatives and should hear from their constituents. As always, if you would like to contact me, email me with comments or questions at tpdall9@yahoo.com.

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including Monday, November 18, Town Meeting, voters have consistently approved measures aimed at protecting the water quality in our harbor and Buzzards Bay. At Special Town meeting, though, they voted against a small $20,000 investment to buy a pump-out boat. Apparently there were concerns that the process for arriving at the proposal may have been flawed: too little communication about the proposal with town committees, businesses, and others affected by what seems to many a "no brainer." It is regrettable that none of us there (including myself) had the presence of mind to propose an amendment to fund the proposal pending approval by a) Marine Advisory Board or b) a second vote at next year's Annual Town Meeting after production of a suitable report. Had we done so, and if warranted, the boat could be in service at the earliest opportunity. We could have supported two fundamental values: healthy harbor and healthy governmental process.

Bonnie DeSousa
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SHS and Marion COA's Classic Film Friday

On Friday, **December 6**, at 7:00 pm, the public is invited to the Marion Music Hall for December's Classic Film Friday Presentation: *Holiday Inn*. The event is co-sponsored by the Sippican Historical Society and the Marion Council on Aging. Kick off the holiday season with Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire in this delightful musical comedy. Crosby and Astaire star as a popular nightclub song-and-dance team. A broken heart prompts Crosby to retire from showbiz, purchase a rustic New England farm, and convert it to a very unusual inn. What makes it so unique? It boasts a fabulous floor show, but is only open on holidays. Nominated for three Academy Awards, this perennial favorite features 13 holiday songs by famed composer Irving Berlin, including the iconic tune, White Christmas. Post-viewing, Tabor faculty member David Pierce will guide a discussion of the film. The event is free to the public, and no registration is required. Call 508-748-1116 for more information.

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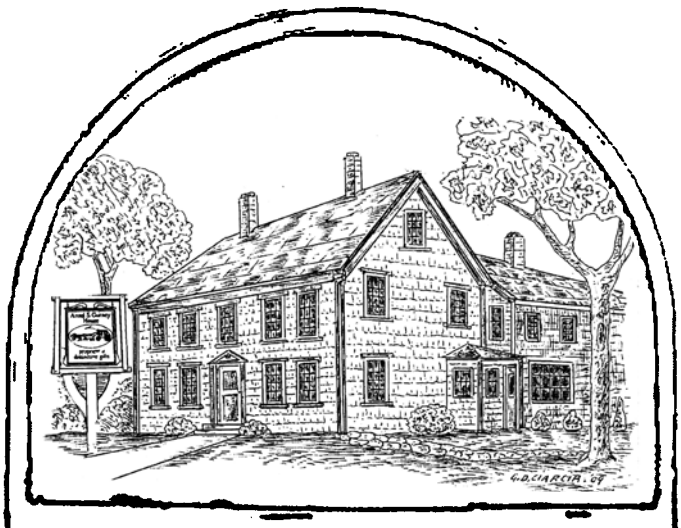
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The poorest state in Southeast Asia, Myanmar still has a long way to go to become a modern country. Despite its economic difficulties, though, the country offers a wealth of cultural opportunities, and visitors can now enjoy this exotic land of golden stupas, red-robed monks, and elaborately carved teak palaces. Earlier this year, Bob and Judy Rosbe traveled to Myanmar, returning with a host of memories and images of their fascinating journey. On Wednesday, **December 11**, at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall, the Rosbes will talk about their travels to Myanmar and share images from their trip. Co-sponsored by the Elizabeth Taber Library and the Sippican Historical Society, the presentation is offered free of charge and is open to the public. No registration is required. For more information, contact the Elizabeth Taber Library at 508-748-1252 or the Sippican Historical Society at 508-748-1116.

Make Some Christmas Magic!

Join the parishes of St. Anthony's of Mattapoisett and St. Rita's of Marion as they hold their annual Magic of Christmas Fair from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, **December 7**, at St. Anthony's church hall, 22 Barstow St., Mattapoisett. Enjoy hot coffee with your malasada

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Marion Republican Town Committee Meeting

The Marion Republican Town Committee will conduct its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, **December 3,** at 7:00 pm at 122 Converse Rd., Marion. The public and new members are welcome.

Old Colony Science Lab Dedication

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, 476 North Ave., in Rochester, will dedicate their newly refurbished science lab to former school superintendent, David J. Ferreira, on **December 2** at 3:00 pm at the school.

The science lab will be named "The David J. Ferreira Science Center" in honor of Ferreira who served as Old Colony's superintendent-director from 1992 until his retirement in 2007. Ferreira, a former physics teacher, currently serves as Executive Director of MAVA, the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Technical Administrators.

Old Colony, built in 1975, recently completed a $2.5 million capital improvement project through the Massachusetts School Building Authority that included a new roof and science lab. The MSBA grant funded about 54.6 percent of the project.

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School in Rochester provides vocational training to high school students who live in Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett, and Rochester.

Christmas Care Packages for the Troops

The Veterans Service Office for the Towns of Mattapoisett and Rochester, in conjunction with Cape Cod Cares for Our Troops, will be organizing "Christmas Care Packages" for the Troops serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. Donating an item is an excellent way to let our

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Other Useful Items: batteries, current magazines, deck of cards, first aid kits, flash lights, generic card, hats/gloves, paper and pens, socks, and T-shirts, towels and wash cloths, toys for children, travel games, boot laces, sandwich bags.

Sippican Lands Trust Holiday Happenings

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Later that week, please join the Sippican Lands Trust and its business neighbors for the Third Annual Christmas Stroll on Friday, **December 6**, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Pilgrim Landing Plaza on Front Street. This event is free and open to everyone! Festivities include face painting, gingerbread decorating, ornament decorating, crafts, and treats, and Santa Claus will be in attendance!

Founded in 1974, the Sippican Lands Trust strives to acquire and protect natural areas in Marion. Its purpose is to conserve land, protect habitat, provide public access to the beautiful, protected lands of our town, and offer events for nature lovers of all ages!

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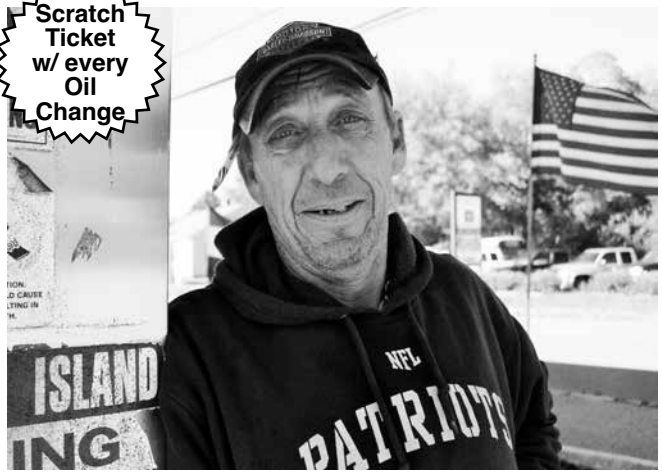
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SWC House Tour: A Community Effort Extraordinaire

Setting the stage for the Sippican Woman's Club Annual House Tour to be held on Saturday, **December 14**, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm is a collaborative effort well beyond our membership: first, our generous five homeowners who open their doors; our local florist Steve Gonsalves of Eden Landscapes, SWC member Bunny Mogilnicki of Bunny's Bouquets, and Sharon Monteiro of Always in Bloom. Joining homeowners in decorating several of the homes are decorators Christine Dole, a SWC member, and Diane Kelley. Anthi Frangiadis Associates and Cecily Balboni of Serendipity by the Sea are assisting as well in enhancing the holiday spirit in one of the waterfront houses. This festive event starts out a weekend of celebration in the Village of Marion – starting on Saturday, the Sippican Woman's Club House Tour (10:00 am - 4:00 pm) and Tea (served from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at Saint Gabriel's Parish Hall) will put out the welcome mat to visitors to our holiday-decorated clubhouse along with five private Marion homes.

The Village Stroll follows on Sunday, **December 15**, when the Sippican Woman's Club will again welcome visitors and offer traditional Wassail (3:00-5:00 pm); and for Red Sox fans, an opportunity to win a decorated theme tree: "Red Sox World Series Champions." Advance House Tour & Tea sale tickets are $20 available at Serendipity by the Sea, The Bookstall and the General Store in Marion and at Isabelle's in the Ropewalk in Mattapoisett. Tickets are available for $25 on the day of the tour at Coldwell-Banker Real Estate right next door to Handy's Tavern (152 Front St., Marion) where the Tour starts and where tickets may be traded in for tour maps. All proceeds go to local Marion scholarship recipients. Contact Jeanne Daly for additional ticket information at 508-748-1924.

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2014 Marion Fireworks Committee Meeting

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Gateway Youth Hockey Update

Lady Jaguars: A day of firsts for the Lady Jaguars as they came up with their first win of the season against the Cape Cod Waves girls' team despite a few players missing. In the first period, **Julia Elicier** put the first goal on the board less than 3 minutes into the game. Then **Caitlin Sweeney** came up with two additional goals. The scoring continued with **Makayla Lorance** scoring her first goal of the season, ending the first period with a score of 4-0. **Bethany Davis** then opened the second period with her first goal of the season with a great shot from the defensive line. Before the period was over **RJ Vickery** also scored. **Ryley Bridges** and **Emily Roberge** also did their part on a great offensive line. But it was Caitlin Sweeney that came up with a hat trick to end the game with a score of 7-0 with **Chris Gauvin** in net.

Mite Bobcats: The Mite Bobcats lost a hard-fought battle to Nantucket 15-10. The Bobcats came out flying with first period goals by **Juni Suarez** and **Krystian Pothel** with two apiece. **Charlie Carroll** had 45 saves in a spectacular performance stopping another penalty shot. The Bobcats were up by two at the end of the first. Nantucket came back with a goal off the face off to start the second. The game was back and forth with teams trading goal after goal. Nantucket scored a goal on a breakaway and poured it on from there. **Derek Gauvin** and **Christian Fiore** also had goals for the Bobcats. Carroll made save after save with the Bobcats being heavily out-



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shot. The Bobcats played their best game and never gave up against the undefeated Nantucket squad.

Squirt Grizzlies: On Saturday, the Squirt Grizzlies traveled down to Tony Kent and lost to YD 9-4 in Cape League action. The offense was lead by **Tyler Lovendale** who scored all four goals of the day. **Chris Gauvin** played well in goal. On Sunday, the Squirt Grizzlies traveled to Pembroke and defeated Hanover 3-0 in a Yankee Conference game. **Thomas Galavotti,** Chris Gauvin, and **Ryker King** each scored one, **Stephen Old**, **Bailey Tie**, and **Ben Martins** each had an assist. After turning away his first penalty shot and other quality chances, **Matt Quinlan** earned his first shutout win.

Pee Wee Warriors: The Gateway Warriors defeated the Barnstable Pee Wee team at Gallo Arena on Saturday morning, 5-1. After being blanked by Barnstable in the first period, Warrior defenseman **Jake Demoranville** scored on an assist from fellow blue-liner, **Jameson Woodward**. Three minutes later, **Zachary Barris** gave the Warriors the lead for good, assisted by **Danny Flynn**. **Robert Ramsay** closed out the period with a goal of his own, assisted by Demoranville. The third period opened with Ramsay adding his second goal of the game, assisted by Barris. In the closing minutes of the game, **Jared Westgate** picked up an assist when Demoranville added his second goal. **Zachary Pateakos** and **Steven Strachan** shared the net-minding duties and the victory.

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Wareham Garden Club's Christmas Faire

The Wareham Garden Club's annual holiday faire will take place Saturday, **December 7** from 9:00 am to noon at the First Congregational Church's Fellowship Hall, 5 Gibbs Avenue. "Christmas in the Village" will stage themed "shops" including a Village Tea Room offering scones, a Village Bake Shop, and a Village Candy Store. Additionally, traditional homemade boxwood "trees", decorated green wreaths, and an assorted abundance of holiday items handmade by club members, will be available. New this year will be twig wreaths, limited edition Christmas Mice, and the most practical bird feeders you've ever seen! There will be a large assortment of gifts perfect for teachers and others to whom you want to show your appreciation at this time of year. The infamous homemade Christmas cookies will again be offered for all to fill cans with their own picks. Also new this year, the club will offer complimentary 5x7 holiday photographs for families, and there will be a project for children to make and take home. The club is excited to offer a "Preview" on Friday night, **December 6**, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm when shoppers will be able to purchase assorted bundles of greens and some limited gift items.

The Wareham Garden Club's fundraisers help support their numerous civic commitments and fund their annual scholarships to local deserving students. The Wareham Garden Club encourages new members to join. For membership information, please contact Judy Weatherby at 508-295-6887, Membership Chair. To contact the club, you can email them at warehamgardenclub@gmail.com or "Like" them on Facebook for information on upcoming meetings, programs and events.

UCT Eighth Grade Open House

Upper Cape Tech welcomes area eighth grade students and their parents/guardians to attend an Open House on Thursday, **December 5**, 2013 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

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Flutist Wendy Rolfe Releases "Images of Eve"

Local flutist Wendy Rolfe, with pianist Deborah DeWolf Emery, has just released "Images of Eve" (Odyssey OSY 002), a captivating mix of music for flute and piano written by women from across the globe. The CD includes music ranging from warm Romantic to upbeat Brazilian to engaging Contemporary. Brazilian guest artists Eduardo Mercuri, guitar, and "Paulista" percussionists Julio César Santos and Anne Nêgah Silva add Latin spice to the mix.

The luminous acoustics of Boston's WGBH Fraser Studio showcase the sounds of Rolfe's 1876 cocuswood flute and of her modern flutes and piccolo. They highlight DeWolf Emery's playing on the studio's matchless 9-foot Hamburg Steinway piano. All tracks were recorded by WGBH's Antonio Oliart, well-known for his engineering of many Boston ensembles, including the Boston Symphony.

Featured are "Three Women" by Beth Denisch, who teaches composition at Berklee College of Music, and Brazilian tunes by Francisca Aquino, Chiquinha Gonzaga, and I-Yun Chung. Marion audiences will remember composer and flutist Kazuyo Kuriya ("Green Tree House") who performed here with the World Flutes Ensemble in

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Wendy Rolfe is a professor at Berklee College of Music in Boston and performs with the Handel and Haydn Society, Boston Baroque, and the Cape Cod Symphony. Deborah DeWolf Emery performs with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and with many soloists. The two first performed together as classmates at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and frequently present duo recitals in the SouthCoast and Boston areas. Berklee students Eduardo Mercuri and Anne Nêgah Silva have just returned from performing at the Latin Grammys in Las Vegas, and Julio César Santos is a noted teacher in his native São Paulo, Brazil.

The CD is available locally at The Bookstall on Front Street in Marion. It can also be found on CD Baby, Amazon, and iTunes. For more information, visit www.wendyrolfe.com.

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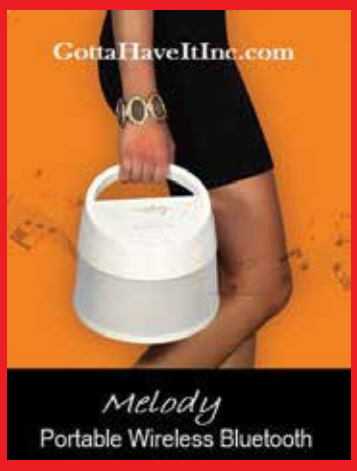

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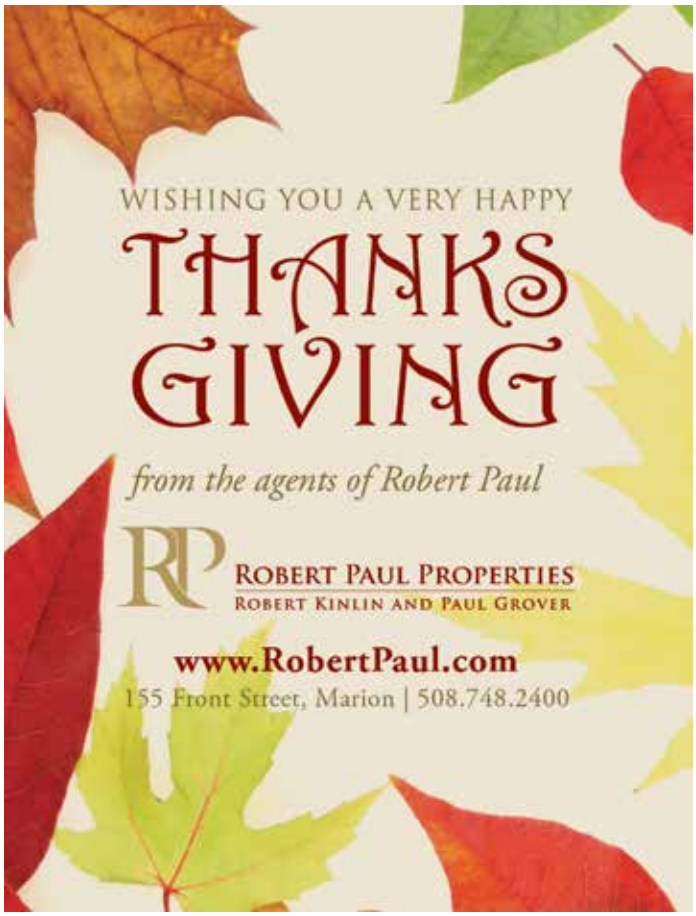
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Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly Events

Annual Christmas Party for Mattapoisett Seniors: This event is free and takes place on Thursday, **December 12**, at noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6. Join Santa and his helper for a fun-filled time with lots of good food, good cheer, and good company. Sing songs of the season and enjoy the musical stylings of Rick LeBlanc.

Go to the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, in the original Center School Building at the corner of Church and Barstow streets, to get your free door prize drawing ticket and reserve your place at a table – seating is limited. Transportation can also be arranged through the Mattapoisett Council on Aging. For more information, contact the Council on Aging at 508-758-4110.

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Machacam Club December Meeting

The Machacam Club will hold its December meeting on **December 4** at the Legion Hall, 3 Depot St. Social time is 5:30 pm, dinner is at 6:00 pm.

Our speaker this month is Mark Mello, through the courtesy of Dave Medeiros. Mark is currently attending Bridgewater State University, pursuing a degree in history. Mark is also a re-enactor, and will cover "A Soldier's Life" through artifacts, replicas, uniforms, weapons, and more. He will show us how the soldier lived and allow us to sample some food of the time period, including hardtack and hoe cakes. He will offer stories of the average soldier of 150 years ago. Mark has made many presentations over the last three years and has developed a strong reputation for his accuracy and attention to detail.

Callers and members are asked to bear in mind the importance of call list accuracy. Caller lists should be done and reported no later than 9:00 am on December 2 by email to GPFNR@aol.com or by phone to Mike at 508-758-9311. Members with requests or changes should make them via either contact method no later than 9:00 am on December 3.

Marion Council on Aging Update

The COA still has a few tickets to the final dress rehearsal of *A Christmas Carol* by the ORR Drama Club. The performance will take place on **December 4** at 7:30 pm. Each attendee is asked to bring at least two canned goods to be donated to a local food pantry.

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their Holiday dinner on **December 14** at noon at Sippican Elementary School. Please call the office to register.

The next speaker series will be **December 4** at noon at the Marion Police Station. Bring your lunch and hear Jennifer Francis speak about the "Wacky Weather." This is free and open to the public. No pre-registration needed.

The COA will be providing transportation to Jordan's Furniture on **December 11** to view the Enchanted Village. Call early to reserve your spot.

Plumb Library Event Roundup

The Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library, in partnership with the Elizabeth Taber Library and the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, will present a marathon reading of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* on Saturday, **December 14**, starting at 11:00 am. Come along and rest from the holiday madness as you listen to a classic Christmas story. Refreshments will be served, and there will be a short discussion after the reading. For more information or to reserve a seat, call the library at 508-763-8600 or email info@plumblibrary.com. Currently, we have enough readers, but if you'd like to be an understudy, please contact us.

The Friends of Plumb Library are planning their annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, **December 7**, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We are looking for donations of items or services for the Silent Auction. Donations can be left at the library until Wednesday, December 4, at 6:00 pm. Call the library for more information.

"Just the Facts" Nonfiction Book Discussion Group will be reading *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity* by Katherine Boo on Thursday, **November 21**, at 6:30 pm. Annawadi is a makeshift settlement in the shadow of the luxury hotels near the Mumbai airport. As India starts to prosper, the Annawadians become hopeful that they can rise out of the slum to achieve the good life, the "full enjoy." But then terror and a global recession rock the city, and suppressed tensions over religion, caste, sex, power, and economic envy turn brutal. Copies of this amazing book are available at the desk.

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The library's hours for Thanksgiving week are: Wednesday, **November 27**, open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; closing early for carpet cleaning. Closed Thursday, **November 28**, and Friday, **November 29**. Regular hours resume Saturday, **November 30**, at 10:00 am.

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We offer conditional scholarships to students attending a four-year college or university as a music major. Current college students and college-bound high school seniors are eligible to apply. We also offer summer music study grants to deserving high school students (grades 9-12). This program helps to defray the cost for recipients' musical studies in summer camps, summer programs, and private lessons. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in applying for one of these opportunities, please go to www.tricountysymphicband.org

Scholarship Showcase: November 29, 7:00 pm, Lyndon South Auditorium, Tabor Academy, 85 Spring St., Marion. Admission: $20.

The Heart of Christmas Cantata in Marion

On **December 15**, the First Congregational Church in Marion will present The Heart of Christmas, a Christmas cantata by Pepper Choplin, during Sunday morning services at 9:30 am and 11:30 am. Under the direction of Choir Director Cassandra Morgan, 63 singers from Somerset, Fall River, New Bedford, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Rochester, Mattapoisett, Marion, Wareham, Middleboro, Milton, and Boston will be accompanied by a professional 18-piece orchestra.

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Before becoming Organist and Choir Director of the First Congregational Church, Cassandra Morgan was Director of Choirs in Belmont for 10 years and in the New Bedford High School for 17 years. She is a recipient of the Lowell Mason Award for Excellence in Music Education and the Distinguished Service Award from the Massachusetts Music Educators Association.

The First Congregational Church is located at the corner of Front and Main Streets in Marion. The Rev. Dr. Sheila S. Rubdi is pastor. Sunday school, adult and children's choirs, and nursery care are features of the church's program of worship, and pastoral care is offered to all.

Marion Rec's New Yoga Class

Marion Recreation has a new Yoga Class on Monday mornings. The class will run each Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 am at the Marion Recreation Department located at 13 Atlantis Drive. Instructor Tim Donohue holds the yoga classes at Silvershell Beach every summer. He is offering this class for all levels, including beginners. The focus will be on improving flexibility, building muscular strength, exploring new ways to cope with stress, and finding your inner peace. Drop-in fee is $12, or you may purchase a class card of six classes for the cost of

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Habitat for Humanity Gingerbread House Gala

The Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity invites the public to its **December 5** charity fundraising event, the Habitat Gingerbread House Gala and Silent Auction. Music will be provided by local choirs singing Christmas carols and by pianist Al Russo, while handcrafted gingerbread houses and other silent auction items donated by the community will be on display. There will be a free Gingerbread House contest. All entries will be auctioned off to benefit Habitat. Entry forms are



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The event takes place from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at the Marion Music Hall. Tickets are a $50 donation and $5 per child's ticket (under 18) with an adult ticket purchase. Tickets may be purchased online at www.buzzardsbayhabitat.org or by calling the office at 508-758-4517.

Carols We Sing

The Sippican Choral Society will present its 2013 Christmas concert, including "A Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten, on Friday, **December 6**, 8:00 pm (Grace Episcopal Church, County Street, New Bedford), and



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TriTown Happenings







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On Wednesday, Nov. 20th, he Marion Natural History Museum after-school group investigated how a cranberry bog formed in New England. Museum Director, Elizabeth Leidhold, helped the kids to explore the physical structure of a bog, and how to tell a healthy berry from a rotten one. The students then made "mini-bogs" to take home. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold



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Sunday, **December 8**, 4:00 pm (Wickenden Chapel, Tabor Academy, Spring Street, Marion), celebrating the 100th anniversary of Britten's birth. The chorus is directed by Brian Roderick, and accompanied by pianist Michelle Gordon and organist Dwight Thomas. The Sippican Chamber Choir will perform additional seasonal pieces. The Southcoast Children's Chorus will sing with the adult chorus in the Britten presentation, as well as perform other pieces under the direction of Leslie Piper.

Tickets: $12 for adults and $6 for students, available at The Bookstall in Marion; Symphony Music Shop, 94 State Road (Route 6), in Dartmouth; and at the door.

The Choral Society will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2015. Please visit our website at www.sippicanchoral.org.

Marion Art Center Holiday Events

Holiday Shop Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Admission is free.

On Saturday, **December 14**, Timothy Wade, local sand and ice sculptor and painter, will give an ice carving demonstration starting at 10:00 am on the patio outside the Art Center on the Pleasant Street side. Meanwhile, inside the Art Center, local wood carver Mike McCarthy, known for his beautiful bird carvings, will be giving a bird-carving demonstration. Visitors are invited to come and watch both artisans as they transform ice into





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Obituaries:



James Francis Ryan Jr., 89, of Marion, MA died peacefully on November 19, 2013 at Sippican Healthcare Center. Jim was born in New Bedford, MA, the son of the late James Francis Ryan Sr. and Margaret (Murdoch) Ryan. He was the loving husband of Julie Race, devoted father to his three children, and proud grandfather ("Papa Ryan"). Jim was a man of faith and raised his family in the Catholic Church. He was known as a gentle, kind and patient soul.

Although Jim was a world traveler, having visited dozens of countries, he found his greatest happiness in the simple things of life. He loved everything associated with the water whether it was fishing, boating or swimming. He enjoyed all types of music and spent many years on the dance floor. Jim was an avid sports fan especially of the world series champion Red Sox. He spent countless hours reading and was an enthusiastic card player of cribbage and poker. He enjoyed the simple pleasure of a long walk with one of his various dogs.

Jim was formerly employed by the Massachusetts Division of Employment Security as a job counselor and Berkshire Hathaway as an accountant. In his later years, Jim worked with his wife, Julie, in her real estate business.

He was a graduate of New Bedford High School and Becker Junior College, and served in the Navy during World War II aboard the USS Callisto in the Philippines.

Jim is survived by his wife, Julie Race of Marion; son Robert Ryan and partner Marjorie Valm of Dartmouth; daughter Jo-Ann Ryan and husband Mike Couto of Wareham; daughter Pat Ryan-Blanchard and husband Bryon Blanchard of Harwich as well as his grandchildren Paige Ryan-Katsoules and husband Peter Katsoules of South Dartmouth; Turner Ryan and partner Rebecca Tiedemann of New Bedford; Nathan Blanchard of Harwich; stepson Roger Race and wife Margo Race-Moore; stepson Alexander W. Race; stepson John W. Race and wife Susan Race; and step grandchildren Kara Race, Julian Race, Eleanor Race, Elizabeth Race, Meredith Race, Rebecca Race and Skylar Race.

Jim and his family have been very grateful for the compassionate care provided by the staff at Sippican Healthcare Center in Marion.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, December 8th at 1:00 PM at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jim's memory can be made to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 2091, New Bedford, MA 02741.

If you would like to leave a message for the family, visit www.ccgfuneralhome.com



Joseph H. Corkum, age 82, of New Bedford passed away, Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at St. Luke's Hospital. He was the husband of the late Hilda (Gomes) Corkum.

Born in Vineland, New Jersey, the son of the late Gerard and Helena (Bertrand) Corkum, he resided in New Bedford most of his life.

Joseph worked as a boat builder for Brownell Boat Works in Mattapoisett until his retirement where he assisted in the design and then, the manufacture of the groundbreaking tripod Brownell Boat Stand that went on to become the industry standard for boat storage. His joys were gardening, woodworking and tinkering around the house. Joseph was truly remarkable in that there wasn't anything that he couldn't build or fix. He never stopped giving of himself and his love for his family was never ending. He was an amazing man who will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his children Neil J. Corkum and his wife Paula of Rehoboth; Jill H. Hornstein and her husband James of Lincoln, RI; 3 grandchildren, Sam McKay-Corkum, Grace McKay-Corkum, James Hornstein, Jr., 2 brothers, Michael and Leon Corkum, both of FL; a sister, Christina Corkum of FL; several nephews and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law. He was the brother of the late Gerald and Andrew Corkum.

His funeral was held Wednesday, November 27, 2013 at Rock Funeral Home, 1285 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 am at St Mary's Parish, 343 Tarklin Hill Road, New Bedford. Burial followed in Pine Grove Cemetery. Visiting hours were held on Tuesday.

Paul C. Bieringer, 65, of Rochester died Novemebr 25, 2013 unexpectedly at Tobey Hospital.

Born in Mattapoisett, the son of the late Fred and Marion (Funke) Bieringer, he lived in Mattapoisett before moving to Rochester 15 years ago.

Mr. Bieringer was the former proprietor of Village Mobil in Mattapoisett for over 20 years.

He enjoyed playing the guitar, motorcycles and boating.

Survivors include his daughter, Amy Bieringer of Mattapoisett; a nephew, Thomas Robert Daener, Jr. and his wife Kathryn, of Mattapoisett; a niece, Kristen Daener of East Wareham; and a great-nephew Thomas Robert Daener, III.

He was the brother of the late Karen Daener.

His private arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett.

sculpture and wood into lifelike birds. The Marion Art Center is one of the stops on the Sippican Woman's Club House Tour, and visitors are cordially invited to come inside and find that one-of-a-kind gift.

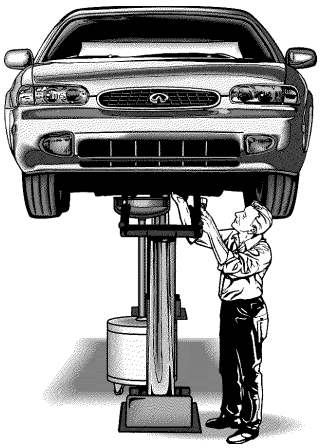
The Marion Art Center is located at 80 Pleasant Street. For more information, visit MAC's website at www.marionartcenter.org or call 508-748-1266.

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Thursday November 28, 2013
8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:30 AM – ORCTV Presents – The Cranberry Harvest
9:00 AM – The Register's Report
9:30 AM – The Childrens's Corner
10:00 AM – Expedition New England
10:30 AM – NASA 360
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – MVTV Presents an Interview with Gabriel Byrne
2:00 PM – Art.21
2:30 PM – Tomorrow Today
3:00 PM - Art.21
3:30 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
4:00 PM – Senior Scene
4:30 PM - Around Town with Buster
5:00 PM – Storytellers
6:00 PM - The Marion COA Presents - Thomas J. Shire
7:00 PM – Living Healthy with the Woman in You
7:30 PM – A Culinary Journey
8:00 PM – What's Linda Cooking?
8:30 PM – The Song
9:00 PM – Marion Veterans Day Ceremony
9:30 PM – The Brotherhood Ride
11:00 PM – Just Coolin' – The Jazz Show
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers

Friday November 29, 2013
8:00 AM – Around BCC
8:30 AM – Just Paws
9:00 AM – Consumer Affairs
9:30 AM – Bioneers by the Bay
10:30 AM – Melissa's Menu
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – Boating Local
2:00 PM – The Marion COA Presents - Thomas J. Shire
3:00 PM - Explore
3:30 PM - Global 3000
4:00 PM - Deutsche Welle - European Journal
4:30 PM – Buzzards Bay Action Committee
6:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
6:30 PM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
7:00 PM – Around Town with Buster
7:30 PM – New England Journal
8:00 PM - Around BCC
8:30 PM - The Cape Cod Vertical Lift Bridge
9:30 PM - Graceful Aging
10:00 PM – The Steve Katsos Show
10:30 PM – Get Connected
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM – Paranormal Generation

Saturday November 30, 2013
6:30 AM – Classic Cartoon Festival
8:30 AM – NASA 360
9:00 AM – Just Paws
9:30 PM - The Children's Corner
10:00 AM – Emily's Garden
11:00 AM - Marion 2013 Veterans Day Ceremony
11:30 AM – What's Linda Cooking
Noon – Storytellers
1:00 PM – The Cape Cod Vertical Lift Bridge
3:30 PM - MVTV Presents an Interview with Gabriel Byrne
4:00 PM – A Senior Publisher Who Started from Scratch
5:00 PM - Boating Local
5:30 PM – Expedition New England
6:00 PM – Go Fish with Dan Kenney
6:30 PM - What's Linda Cooking
7:00 PM – Tina Cooks
7:30 PM – A Culinary Journey
8:00 PM – The Song
8:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – Europe in Concert

Sunday December 1, 2013
6:30 AM – Words of Peace
7:00 AM – Second Coming Church
8:00 AM – New Testament Church of Cedarville
9:00 AM – Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM - First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM – The Riverside Church of Wareham with Dr. Gomes
11:30 AM – Marion VFW Post 2425 Fundraising Event
Noon – A Senior Publisher Who Started from Scratch
12:30 PM - Cape Cod Book Scene
1:00 PM – Physician Focus
1:30 PM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
2:00 PM - Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM - First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM – New Testament Church of Cedarville
5:00 PM - Words of Peace
5:30 PM – The Riverside Church of Wareham with Dr. Gomes
6:00 PM – The Sippican Historical Society
7:00 PM – Bioneers by the Bay
8:00 PM – Buzzards Bay Action Committee
9:30 PM – Marion Veterans Day Ceremony
10:00 PM - PACE Monthly
10:30 PM – Dartmouth Community Medical School - It Takes a Team

Monday December 2, 2013
8:00 AM – Arts.21
8:30 AM – A Senior Publisher Who Started from Scratch
9:30 AM – The Dr. Is In
10:00 AM – VNA Health Highlights
10:30 AM – Tomorrow and Today
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – Just Paws
2:00 PM – Storytellers
3:00 PM - Explore
3:30 PM – Earth Focus
4:00 PM – European Journal
4:30 PM – Global 3000
5:00 PM - The Register's Report
5:30 PM - MVTV Presents an Interview with Gabriel Byrne
6:00 PM – Around BCC
6:30 PM – Consumer Affairs
7:00 PM – Expedition New England
7:30 PM – Go Fish
8:00 PM - Boating Local
8:30 PM - The Marion COA Presents - Thomas J. Shire
9:30 PM - The Rochester Historical Society
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – The David Pakman Show

Tuesday December 3, 2013
8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:30 PM – What's Linda Cooking
9:00 AM – Graceful Aging
9:30 AM – Buzzards Bay Action Committee
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – Soldiers Journal
2:00 PM – Neighbor to Neighbor
3:00 PM - Words of Peace
3:30 PM - The Sippican Historical Society
4:30 PM - The Rochester Historical Society
5:30 PM – Graceful Aging
6:00 PM – Living Healthy with the Woman in You
6:30 PM – Emily's Garden
7:00 PM – 2013 Connecting for Change Conference
7:30 PM - PACE Monthly
8:00 PM – Marion Veterans Day Ceremony
8:30 PM - ORCTV Presents - Cranberry Harvest 2013
9:30 PM – The Register's Report
10:00 PM – The Dr. Is In
10:30 PM - Explore

Wednesday December 4, 2013
8:00 AM – Around BCC
8:30 AM – Just Paws
9:00 AM – Marion Veterans Day Ceremony
9:30 AM - ORCTV Presents - Cranberry Harvest 2013
10:00 AM – Melissa's Menu
10:30 AM - Living Healthy with the Woman in You
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Bioneers by the Bay
3:00 PM - Sci-Fi Journal
4:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
5:30 PM – The Steve Katsos Show
6:00 PM – Local History
7:00 PM - Boating Local
7:30 PM – In Focus
8:00 PM – A Senior Publisher Who Started from Scratch
9:00 PM – The Mass Factor
9:30 PM - New England Journal
10:00 PM – Soldiers Journal
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes

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Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule
8:00AM – Latest School Committee Meeting
10:00 AM – Tri-Town Board of Selectmen
11:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
3:00 PM - Tri-Town Board of Selectmen
4:00 PM - Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
9:30 PM – 2013 Marion Special Town Meeting

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
8:00 AM – Latest School Committee Meeting
11:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
12:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
1:30 PM - 2013 Special Town Meeting
4:00 PM - Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
7:30 PM - Tri-Town Board of Selectmen
8:30 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
9:35 PM – 2013 Special Town Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL
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Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule
8:30 AM - Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
9:00 AM - ORRHS Football
10:40 AM - ORRHS Video Production Class Projects
11:00 AM – ORRHS Homecoming Rally 2013
Noon - Bulldog TV
12:30 PM - Bulldog TV Sports Wrap up
1:00 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
1:30 PM – ORR Suites and Sweets 2013
2:30 PM - ORRHS Homecoming Rally 2013
3:25 PM - ORRHS Video Production Class Projects
4:00 PM – Bulldog TV
4:30 PM – Bulldog TV Sports Wrap up
5:00 PM - ORRHS Football
6:40 PM - ORRHS Video Production Class Projects
7:00 PM Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
7:30 PM - ORRHS Homecoming Rally 2013
8:30 PM - ORRHS Football

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Rochester Women's Club Upcoming Events

Christmas Wreath Sale: As in years past, beautiful hand-decorated wreaths will be on sale at the 37 Marion Rd. Clubhouse from noon until 2:00 pm on Saturday, **November 30** (wreaths will be available every Saturday following from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm while supplies last). A limited number of Christmas trees will also be available for purchase.

The December meeting of the Rochester Women's Club on Thursday, **December 5**, 6:30 pm, will be a

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The Annual Thanksgiving Banquet at ORRJH served up seniors a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Photos by Felix Perez







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holiday dinner gathering at Matt's Blackboard in Plumb Corner Mall. Current, previous, and new members are all welcome to attend (each diner is responsible for their own meal cost). Please call Marsha at 508-322-0998 to confirm your place.

Celebrate the season with a group of wonderful women!

Marion Police Brotherhood Events

On Saturday, **December 14**, the Marion Police Brotherhood will hold its fourth annual Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner. The event is open to all Marion Senior Citizens and is free of charge. The event is being held at the Sippican Elementary School. Doors open at 11:30 am and dinner is served at noon. In order to sign up for the event, Marion Senior Citizens must call the Marion Council on Aging at 508-748-3570. All seniors must register by **December 2**.

The Marion Police Brotherhood will hold its second annual pancakes and photos with Santa event on **December 7** at the Sippican School. The event is open to all Marion children and their parents. The breakfast and photo with Santa is free of charge. The deadline to register for the event is **December 1**. The event starts at 9:00 am and ends at noon. To register for the event, email Officer Smith at: ksmith@marionpolice.org and let him know how many are planning to attend. We are accepting new unwrapped toys to help fill a cruiser for the children at

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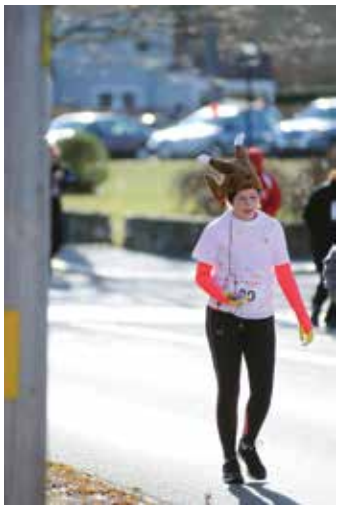
Dr. Kate Marmelo graduated from Bishop Stang High School and received her Bachelor's of Science in Biology from Providence College (class of 2000). In 2004, she received her Doctorate of Optometry from New England College of Optometry. Dr. Marmelo purchased the Pearle Vision in North Dartmouth in 2010 where she examines patients of all ages. Dr. Marmelo resides in Mattapoisett with her husband and three children.

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It was a cold start, race, and finish for the Marion Recreation Annual Turkey trot this Sunday but spirits were high. Matt Sylvain of Dartmouth took top honors for the men with a time of 18:33 and Allison Rossi for the Women with a time of 21:02. Photos by Felix Perez















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Rochester Tax Office News

Rochester Fiscal Year 2014 tax bills were mailed November 12. The first half payment is due **December 16**. The second half will be due **May 1**, 2014.

If paying by personal online banking, allow sufficient time for the bank to generate a check and mail it to the Town. Please supply sufficient information on the check identifying which bill should be credited.

If you have not received your tax bill in the mail, please contact the Collector's Office at 508-763-3871, ext. 16 or 10. If you have questions regarding property values and abatements, please contact the Assessor's Office at 508-763-5250.

ORR Drama Club Presents 'A Christmas Carol'

A Christmas Carol will be performed by the Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club on **December 5-8** in the high school auditorium.

A Christmas Carol, as performed by ORR Drama, is a lively adaptation of the classic Dickens tale. Life lessons are learned along the way as the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by four spirits during the night on Christmas Eve. These spirits include his old business partner Marley, and the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future. These ghosts will show him glimpses of his own life to teach him what may happen if he doesn't

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Saturday, December 4th - Fall River Christmas Parade
Sunday, December 5th - Make Your Own Ornaments 12p-4p.
Saturday, December 14th - Pictures with Santa! Wine Tasting and Decorate your own Gingerbread Men 11a-4p
Sunday, December 15th - Decorate your own Gingerbread House 11:30a-12:30p and 1:30p-2:30p. Please sign your child up to reserve a space! 10 children per session.
Saturday, December 21st - Wine Tasting and Gift Basket Wrapping.
Sunday, December 22nd - Decorate your own Sugar Cookies
Tuesday, December 24th - Closing at 4pm
Wednesday and Thursday, December 25th & 26th - Closed
Tuesday, December 31st - Closing at 4pm
Wednesday and Thursday, January 1st & 2nd - Closed



Movie Review

Killer Coke

By Rob Gonsalves
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***Dallas Buyers Club.* Starring Matthew McConaughey and Jennifer Garner. Directed by Jean-Marc Vallée. Running time: 117 minutes. MPAA rating: R.**

You don't have to be anti-science to question science in the hands of men who care more for profit. We are told by the corporate-owned press that anodynes found in nature are bad and those concocted in a lab are good — why? There's no money in nature. In *Dallas Buyers Club*, a very unlikely radical and hero, ne'er-do-well Ron Woodroof (Matthew McConaughey), takes on the FDA and the medical establishment itself. It's 1985, and Woodroof, a drug user, frequenter of prostitutes, and general scoundrel, is diagnosed with HIV. Woodroof, a reflexive homophobe, balks at this: Back then, HIV and AIDS were considered "the gay plague." Woodroof is not, at first glance, a conventional hero — and indeed he continues to be crude and abrasive. Dying doesn't really change him; it just makes him angrier, more passionate to suck any little juice out of life. The great thing about *Dallas Buyers Club* is that it proves someone can be kind of a jerk and also a great man.

At the hospital, Woodroof is given AZT, the only drug for HIV/AIDS therapy approved by the FDA. It doesn't help him; it makes him sicker. So he looks outside the box, outside America, and hooks up with a doctor in Mexico (Griffin Dunne) who tells him about various, much less toxic treatments developed in France and other countries. Woodroof comes home with a trunk full of vitamins and protein-based serums, and sets up a "buyers club" wherein a $400 membership buys you all the drugs you want. Along the way, everyone tries to shut him down; he's audited, his inventory is confiscated. But he'll be damned if he'll give in. The movie suggests that only a jerk like Woodroof — a single-minded good ol' boy who drinks and whores around — has the Texas-sized stones to take on the big guns, all while holding off the biggest gun of all (initially given thirty days to live, Woodroof hung on seven more years, until 1992).

Dallas Buyers Club is only tangentially about AIDS; it's really more for anyone who's ever laughed bitterly at drug commercials that rattle off long lists of appalling side effects. At times, Americans seem to want to treat their bodies like a garden that they neglect to water and nourish; then, when the garden starts to fail, they dump kerosene all over it and hope that'll fix it. In this movie, the medical establishment is hawking kerosene, because there's money in kerosene. Woodroof isn't a scientist, but he has some common sense and his will to live drives him into the library. Such patients are troublesome to doctors, who may want to be helpful (like the doctor played here by Jennifer Garner who has doubts about AZT) but whose hands are tied. The film says that this is what happens when health care becomes corporatized. Its reach becomes wider but clumsier and often mangles the Hippocratic Code.

Fair warning to epileptics and others sensitive to high-pitched noise: at several points in the movie, when Woodroof's health falters, an intense whine dominates the soundtrack. Otherwise, the direction by Jean-Marc Vallée (*The Young Victoria*) is unobtrusive and delicate, treating the sometimes clichéd narrative beats with a matter-of-factness that helps put them over. A scene of hostility between one of Woodroof's homophobic former buddies and Woodroof's transgender business partner Rayon (Jared Leto) is good for a cleansing laugh, and perhaps not coincidentally this is the first time I've been able to tolerate Jared Leto in a movie. Woodroof puts up with Rayon and her Marc Bolan obsession, and words like "faggot" slowly drop out of his conversation, if for no other reason than that gays are now his customer base. To its credit, the movie doesn't really give Woodroof a big moment of reform; he's in the buyers club primarily to live and to make a living. He doesn't want to be a firebrand taking on the Man, but he has to be.

Those who enjoyed Matthew McConaughey in his earlier roles, before he walked in the wilderness of inane romantic comedies for about a decade, have been heartened by his resurgence in meatier roles in *Magic Mike, Mud, Bernie, Killer Joe,* and probably the upcoming *Wolf of Wall Street.* It's been a textbook comeback — the former sexiest-man-alive prince returns, possibly with the makings of a king — and his performance here is likely the jewel in the crown. McConaughey understands men like Woodroof and spends zero time detaching himself from Woodroof's less savory inclinations or beliefs. Woodroof can be gallant and even whitebread when it suits him, but he never stops being the guy with dirt under his fingernails who bets on the rodeo and likes a lap dance. It's great character-actor work with the scale of a major star turn, the sort of transformation we saw with regularity in the '70s but have, by and large, learned to live without. McConaughey's recent arc to greatness parallels that of the man he's playing: If someone formerly so disreputable, so unworthy of serious consideration, can do work on this level, what else is possible?

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130 ORR Drama students will take part in the cast and crew of *A Christmas Carol*. The cast includes Junior Ian MacLellan as Ebenezer Scrooge, Junior Samuel Resendes as Jacob Marley, Senior Troy Rood as Bob Cratchit, Senior Lizzie Machado as Mrs. Cratchit, Senior Anne Roseman as the Ghost of Christmas Past, Junior Patrick McGraw as the Ghost of Christmas Present, Sophomore Lucy Milde as The Ghost of Christmas Future, and Damien Alton of Mattapoisett as Tiny Tim, as well as many others.

The show is produced by Paul Sardinha, with costumes by Helen Blake.

Presented in the Gilbert D. Bristol Auditorium of Old Rochester Regional High School, under the auspices of the David S. Hagen Performing Arts Series, *A Christmas Carol* will be performed Thursday, **December 5**, through Saturday, **December 7**, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, **December 8**, at 2:00 pm. Tickets are $10 for students and seniors and $12 for adults and are available at The Pen & Pendulum in Mattapoisett, the Marion General Store in Marion, and Plumb Corner Market in Rochester. Tickets may also be available at the door. ORR is located on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. For more ticket information, contact Lisa Cardoza at 508-758-6762.

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Tri-Town Police Logs

MARION

Log highlights Nov 17–Nov 23

- County Rd – Animal complaint
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Sherman's Way – Suspicious activity
- Front St – Medical emergency
- Front St – Emergency services
- Island Wharf Rd – Suspicious MV
- Front St – Animal complaint
- Point Rd – Health/welfare
- Riverview Ln – Medical emergency
- Mill St – Civil complaint
- Converse Rd – Health/welfare
- Dexter Rd – Officer wanted
- Island Wharf Rd – Follow up
- Wareham Rd – Lost property
- Pine Hill Ln – Suspicious activity
- Brigg's Ter – Medical emergency
- Spring St - Disturbance
- Hartley Ln – Medical emergency
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Stoney Run Ln – Larceny/past
- Bass Point Rd – Recovered property
- Wareham Rd – Paper service
- Park St - Lockout
- Front St – MV accident
- Mill St – MV complaint
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Rt 195W – Brush fire
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- Converse Rd – Medical emergency

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Nov 17–Nov 23

- Winnatuxett Beach Rd – Suspicious MV
- Aucoot Rd - Complaint
- County Rd – 911 call
- I195E - Arrest
- Pine Island Rd – Suspicious MV
- Farihaven Rd – Health/welfare
- Church St Ext – Health/welfare
- Brandt Island Rd – Health/welfare
- I195E – MV crash
- Knollwood Dr - Disturbance
- Church St Ext – Health/welfare
- Beacon St – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – Ambulance request
- North St – Carbon Monoxide alarm
- Martin Ave – Ambulance request
- Long Plain Rd – Weapons discharge
- North St – MV crash
- Marion Rd - Arrest
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- North St - Disturbance
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Follow up investigation
- County Rd - Vandalism
- Avenue A Health/welfare
- Ocean View Ave – Ambulance request
- Water St – MV crash
- County Rd – Suspicious persons
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Water St - Complaint

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Nov 17–Nov 23

- Dexter Ln – MV stop/arrest
- Neck Rd – Animal control
- Douglas Corner Rd – Suspicious MV
- Robinson Rd – Ambulance request
- Neck Rd – Ambulance request
- High St – Animal control
- County Rd – Ambulance request
- Constitution Way – Suspicious MV
- Walnut Plain Rd – Harassment order
- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Pierce St – Officer wanted
- Neck Rd – Suspicious MV
- Snipatuit Rd - Lockout
- High St – Animal control
- New Bedford Rd – Animal control
- New Bedford Rd – Assist citizen
- Braley Hill Rd - Complaint
- New Bedford Rd – Suspicious MV
- Cranberry Hwy –MV stop/arrest
- Mendell Rd – Animal control
- North Ave – MV accident
- Dexter Ln – Ambulance request
- North Ave – MV accident
- Neck Rd – Traffic hazard
- Walnut Plain Rd – Suspicious MV
- Walnut Plain Rd – Noise complaint
- Mary's Pond Rd – Traffic hazard
- Randall Rd – Animal control

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Dec 2: High Sodium Potato leek soup, herb baked chicken, beets, multigrain roll, mixed fruit.
Tuesday, Dec 3: Meatball sub w/ mini sub roll, O'Brien potatoes, Italian blend veggies, strawberry cup.
Wednesday, Dec 4: Low sodium hot dog, hot dog roll, mustard packet, veggie baked beans, hot German slaw, blonde brownie, diet: graham wafer.
Thursday, Dec 5: Shepherds pie w/ sweet potato, California blend veg, whole wheat bread, pears.
Friday, Dec 6: Salmon filet w/dill sauce, confetti rice, peas & carrots, whole wheat roll, fresh fruit.

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 2: Toasted cheese or toasted ham & cheese sandwich, tomato soup, steamed green beans, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, Dec 3: Build a burger: cheese, lettuce & tomato, pickle, three bean salad, ketchup, mustard, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, Dec 4: Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad w/dressing, fruit, milk.
Thursday, Dec 5: Popcorn chicken, warm dinner roll, mashed potato w/ gravy, steamed corn, fruit, milk.
Friday, Dec 6: Creamy chicken Alfredo, warm bread stick, steamed broccoli, fruit, milk.

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Dec 2: Toasted cheese or toasted ham & cheese sandwich, tomato soup, steamed green beans, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, Dec 3: Build a burger: cheese, lettuce & tomato, pickle, three bean salad, ketchup, mustard, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, Dec 4: Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad w/dressing, fruit, milk.
Thursday, Dec 5: Popcorn chicken, warm dinner roll, mashed potato w/ gravy, steamed corn, fruit, milk.
Friday, Dec 6: Creamy chicken Alfredo, warm bread stick, steamed broccoli, fruit, milk.

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Dec 2: Steak & cheese sub w/sautéed peppers & onions, roasted potato wedges, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, Dec 3: Chicken nuggets, lightly buttered noodles, steamed broccoli, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, Dec 4: Mac & cheese, soft pretzel rod, fresh tomato wedges, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.
Thursday, Dec 5: Homemade soup, breaded mozzarella sticks, oyster crackers, steamed green beans, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.
Friday, Dec 6: Beef tacos w/cheese, lettuce, tomato, salsa, refried beans, brown rice, hummus, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Dec 2: Toasted cheese or toasted ham & cheese sandwich, tomato soup, steamed green beans, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, Dec 3: Build a burger: cheese, lettuce & tomato, pickle, three bean salad, ketchup, mustard, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, Dec 4: Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad w/dressing, fruit, milk.
Thursday, Dec 5: Popcorn chicken, warm dinner roll, mashed potato w/ gravy, steamed corn, fruit, milk.
Friday, Dec 6: Creamy chicken Alfredo, warm bread stick, steamed broccoli, fruit, milk.

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 2: Toasted cheese or toasted ham & cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, Dec 3: Build a burger: cheese, lettuce & tomato, pickle, three bean salad, ketchup, mustard, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, Dec 4: Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad w/dressing, fruit, milk.
Thursday, Dec 5: Popcorn chicken, warm dinner roll, mashed potato w/ gravy, steamed corn, fruit, milk.
Friday, Dec 6: Creamy chicken Alfredo, warm bread stick, steamed broccoli, fruit, milk.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Dec 2: Nacho's w/taco meat or chili, lettuce, salsa & sour cream or fish sandwich w/chips.
Tuesday, Dec 3: Sloppy Joe w/rice & green beans.
Wednesday, Dec 4: Turkey club, sweet potato fries & soup.
Thursday, Dec 5: Asian chicken bowl & bread.
Friday, Dec 6: Pizza & salad.

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Marion Council on Aging News

The ORR Drama Club will be offering free admission to their production of *A Christmas Carol* on **December 5** at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available at the Council on Aging office. All attendees are requested to bring two canned goods to be donated to the local food pantry.

Tickets are also available to the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and the Tri-County Symphonic Band concerts. Please call the office for ticket information.

Marion Council on Aging

On **December 4** at noon, Tom Shire will present "The History of Theatre" at the Marion Police Station. Admission is free, and preregistration is not required. Tom will share with us some of the history and the very special features of the Zeiterion that make it a truly unique theatre, including some of the talented people that helped make the Zeiterion a success. Join us and see Hollywood's Golden Age come alive when you see fabulous memorabilia from the 1930s and 1940s.

The COA also has a limited number of tickets to the upcoming Tri-County Symphony performances and the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra.

Marion Recreation Public Ice Skating

The dates for the Marion Recreation Public Ice Skating season are as follows: **December 8, 15, 22, 26 and 29, January 12, 19, 20 and 26, February 2, 9, 16, 20 and 23**. Admission is still only $5 per person. Hats and gloves are required. Any questions, please contact the Marion Recreation Department at 774-217-8355 or info@marionrecreation.com.

Mattapoisett Free Public Library Events

Poster Exhibit: An international labor poster exhibit is now on display in both reading rooms at the library. The exhibit is part of the collection of Stephen Lewis, who displays the posters in many libraries and other locations. Called "The Universal Struggle for Better Working Conditions", the exhibit features labor posters from many countries and from as far back as 100

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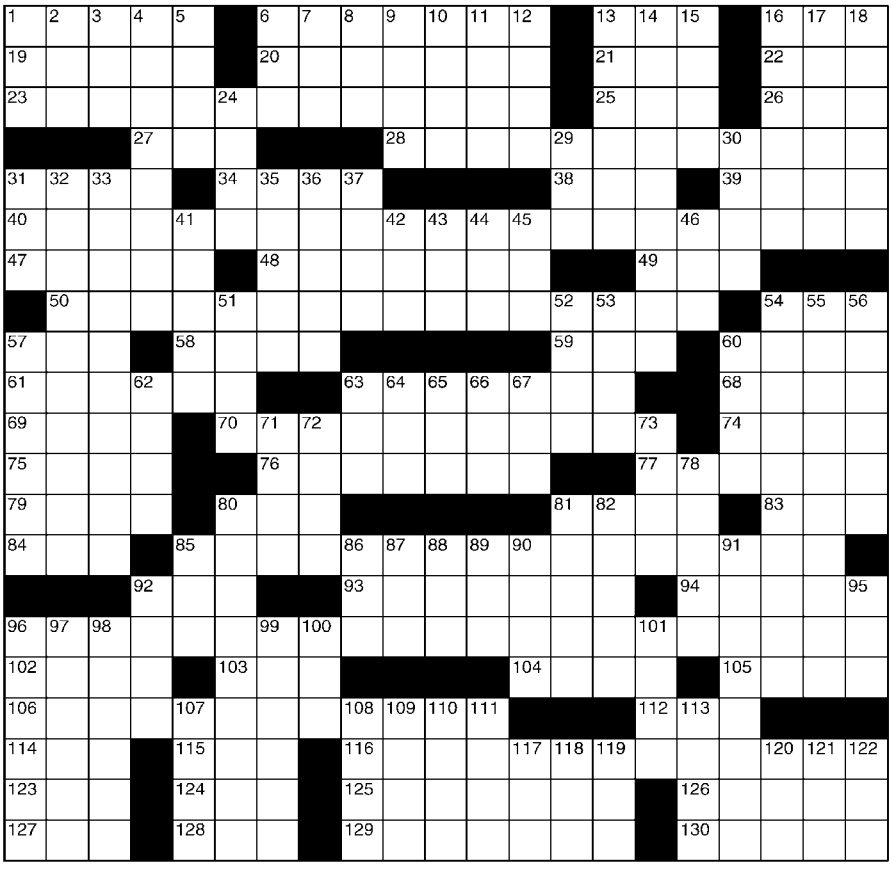
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ACROSS

1 Ill-chosen
6 See 126-Across
13 Grand — (sporty Pontiacs)
16 Tattoo fluid
19 Port south of Milan
20 Milan opera house
21 "Citizen X" star Stephen
22 "Oh, give — home ..."
23 1988 hit for Breathe
25 LAX letters
26 Poor review
27 Co. kingpin
28 1972 hit for the O'Jays
31 Water color
34 Answer an invite
38 Dot- —
39 Invention's origin
40 1974 hit for John Denver
47 "Evita" star LuPone
48 "Sugar, Sugar" group, with "the"
49 Parts of dols.
50 1975 hit for America
54 Machines near mice
57 Provide relief
58 See 59-Across
59 With 58-Across, guys-only
60 Kansas town
61 Moves on ice
63 Cordial
68 Take a dip
69 Jazzy Horne
70 1982 hit for the Alan Parsons Project
74 Funny Jay
75 Eons
76 Absorption process
77 Mafia's code of silence
79 Overly quick
80 "Spring forward" hrs.
81 — Beach (Atlantic coast city in Florida)
83 "— Dieu!"
84 Raised trains
85 2000 hit for Creed
92 Sue Grafton's "— for Undertow"
93 Statistic in a used-car ad
94 Mentions
96 1976 hit for Elton John and Kiki Dee
102 Gulf country
103 Lago feeder
104 "— I say!"
105 Assassinate
106 1994 hit for Boyz II Men
112 Biblical suffix
114 Cotillion girl
115 Always, in a sonnet
116 1985 hit for Tears for Fears
123 Before, in a sonnet
124 Brow's curve
125 Goddess of the hunt
126 With 6-Across, "All Shook Up" singer
127 Barrett of rock
128 Mao follower?
129 One who's hardly saintly
130 Tickle a ton

DOWN

1 "Disgusting!"
2 Museum-funding org.
3 Raggedy —
4 Web feeds
5 Stun with a charge
6 Fatah's gp.
7 Cheering cry
8 Jargon suffix
9 Antiunionist
10 Volcano flow
11 Certain util.
12 Pull sharply
13 Retort to "Am not!"
14 Brand of fiber powder
15 Swedish car
16 Hamper
17 Not so far
18 Olathe locale
24 "Crucify" singer Amos
29 Learning inst.
30 Offers
31 Cleo's doom
32 Somewhat within the law
33 Messy state
35 Copy a cur
36 Border (on)
37 A little, in music
41 Blackjack request
42 Bruins' gp.
43 Prefix with life or wife
44 "— -haw!" (rodeo yell)
45 IRS form info
46 Piece of mail: Abbr.
51 Tranquility
52 Linden and Prince
53 Supermodel Wek
54 Hard rock subgenre
55 Most of the 1990s, politically
56 Person from Pago Pago
57 Harshly bright
60 Dot in a lake
62 Bit, as of salt
63 Point a rifle
64 Trio before P
65 "TGIF" part
66 Yellowfin tuna, on some menus
67 Wanna- — (imitators)
71 Baseballer Eddie or Footballer Fielding
72 Book before Job: Abbr.
73 Long ago
78 Be a sponge
80 Ailments
81 Actor Mortensen
82 Abnormal plant swelling
85 Freak (out)
86 "Botch- —" (1952 hit)
87 Narrow estuary
88 Jan. b'day honoree
89 Six, in Italy
90 Mage's stick
91 Lower pastry crust
92 — Reader (bimonthly magazine)
95 Hog's place
96 Some electron tubes
97 Really testy
98 Hauled in
99 Satirical dictionary writer Ambrose
100 Diviner's tool
101 Belgian river
107 Not messy
108 Genghis —
109 Stout's Wolfe
110 "... could — horse!"
111 Blissful plot
113 Fare-well link
117 Texter's "Wow!"
118 "C'est la —!"
119 Class for aliens: Abbr.
120 Longoria of the screen
121 Kindled
122 Vane abbr.



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A project benefits from your organizational skills that get it up and running. Your success leaves a highly favorable impression. Don't be surprised if you get some positive feedback soon.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Spend time on practical matters through the end of the week. Then begin shifting your focus to more-artistic pursuits. Resist being overly self-critical. Just allow yourself to feel free to create.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Restarting those creative projects you had set aside for a while will help provide a much-needed soothing balance to your hectic life. Besides, it will be like meeting old friends again.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change in plans could make it tough to keep a commitment. But stay with it. You'll get an A-plus for making the effort to do what's right and not taking the easy way out by running off.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's enthusiasm for a workplace policy review is admirable. But be sure you know who is really behind the resistance to change before pointing your finger at the wrong person.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You can expect to have to do a lot of work through midweek. Devote the rest of the week to checking your holiday plans in case some need to be adjusted to accommodate changes.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Try to avoid signing on the dotted line in the early part of the week. You need time to study issues that weren't fully explored. Later in the week might be more favorable for decision-making.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new development could snarl travel schedules or other holiday-linked projects. Some flexibility might be called for to deal with the problems before they get too far out of hand.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Relatives seek your advice on a matter you'd rather not be involved in. If so, use that sage Sagittarian tact to decline the "offer," so that no one's feelings are needlessly hurt.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A shift in planning direction might help you speed up your progress toward achieving that long-planned goal. Trusted colleagues are ready to offer some valuable support.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unexpected demand for settlement of an old loan could create some pre-holiday anxiety. But you might not really owe it. Check your records thoroughly before remitting payment.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to get into the social swim and enjoy some well-earned fun and games with those closest to you before you have to resume more serious activities next week.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your ability to sense the needs of others makes you a wise counselor for those seeking help with their problems.

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WHS Class of 1973 40th Reunion

The Wareham High School Class of 1973 will be holding their 40th class reunion at Bay Pointe Club in Onset on **November 30** at 6:00 pm. Cocktail hour will be 6:00 - 7:00 pm; dinner is at 7:00 pm, followed by DJ and dancing until 11:00 pm. Tickets are $55. Please spread the word and call Linda Harju at 508-748-0220 for more information. We hope to see as many members of the Class of 1973 as possible.

Mastersingers Announces Concert Season

The concert season for Mastersingers by the Sea, titled "Delightfully Different," features the most diverse music in the seven-year history of the chorus.

On Sunday, **December 1**, at 3:00 pm, Mastersingers by the Sea will join six other choruses and the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra in the annual holiday concert "A Thanksgiving Feast of Music" at St Anthony of Padua Church, New Bedford. As always, the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah (plus the Hallelujah Chorus) is the main feature, plus the stunning Magnificat by the Baroque Czech master Jan Dismas Zelenka.

Returning to Falmouth and Wareham, the chorus will present "Fantasies on Birth, Death, and Beyond" on **March 1 and 2** (Wareham on Saturday, Falmouth on Sunday). The music spans the 17th to the 21st centuries, and will also feature an ensemble of virtuoso instrumentalists.

On **April 26 and 27**, the final concert, "A Mass for the Earth," closes the season. The title refers to a contemporary piece by American composer Libby Larsen. The concert also includes pieces by Ralph Vaughan Williams and J.S. Bach.

More details on each concert can be found at www.mastersingersbythesea.org. Advance tickets are $20 for the Falmouth/Wareham concerts and may be purchased online or by calling 508-540-4732. Tickets at the


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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1047

The Rochester Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on the petition of Clean Energy, Covanta/SEMASS, 141 Cranberry Highway, Assessors plan 18 lot 10, who is seeking a special permit under Section IV.E to install a CNG fueling facility in the Industrial District. The hearing will be held on December 12, 2013, 7:30 P.M. in the Rochester Town Hall, One Constitution Way.
Richard Cutler, Chairman 11/21, 11/28

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Mattapoisett Town Hall, Conference Room, on a request submitted by Bruce E. Rocha for Approval of a Repetitive Petition in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 16. The project is located at 14 Barstow Street, and is further identified as Lot #114 on Assessors Map #9.

The Planning Board is requested to find that specific and material changes in conditions upon which the previous unfavorable action by the Zoning Board of Appeals was based have been presented by the Applicant.

Plans and correspondence are available for viewing at the Planning Board Office at Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, during office hours. The Planning Board office phone number is 508-858-4100 ext. 215. 11/21, 11/28

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 7:10 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability #41D-1525 submitted by N. GEORGE HOST and LAURIE A. HOST for Chapter 91 Waterways licensing of an existing gangway and float at 456 Point Road. No work is proposed. The site is further identified as Lot 13B on Marion Assessors' Map 2. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Lawrence B. Dorman, Chairman 11/28

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday December 9, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Jason Braz 42 Bush Street, Dartmouth, MA 02748.

The proposed project is to construct a single family dwelling with associated grading and infrastructure (driveway, underground utilities, etc.) within the 100 ft. buffer to bordering vegetated wetlands.

The project is located at Lot 2, Nantucket Drive, and is further identified as Lot 106.2 on Assessor Map 13. 11/28

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Marion Board of Selectmen seeks interested volunteers to serve on the Cable Advisory Committee, a committee formed to assist the Selectmen through the Comcast/Marion and Verizon/Marion franchise renewal process.

The cable Advisory Committee is charged with the following:

Review whether the providers have met the terms and conditions of their individual agreements;

Assess the quality if services provided over the past nine years;

Determine whether each provider has the financial, legal and technical wherewithal to perform satisfactorily during the upcoming franchise period;

Assess the future needs of Town residents and ensure that the new franchise agreements meet these needs.

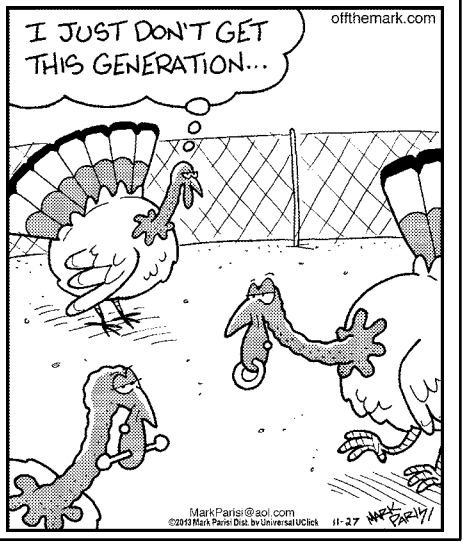
The Cable Advisory Committee will consist of two members at large and one member representing the Selectmen and will meet twice monthly until completion of the franchise renewal process.

Applications to serve are available at the Board of Selectmen office and on the Town of Marion website at http://www.marionma.gov/Pages/index.

Please submit a letter of interest or completed application by Monday, December 16, 2013 to the Marion Board of Selectmen, Two Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.
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Marion COA News Roundup

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Step & Stretch: Tuesday and Thursday, 1:00 - 2:00 pm at the Rochester COA. Transportation provided.

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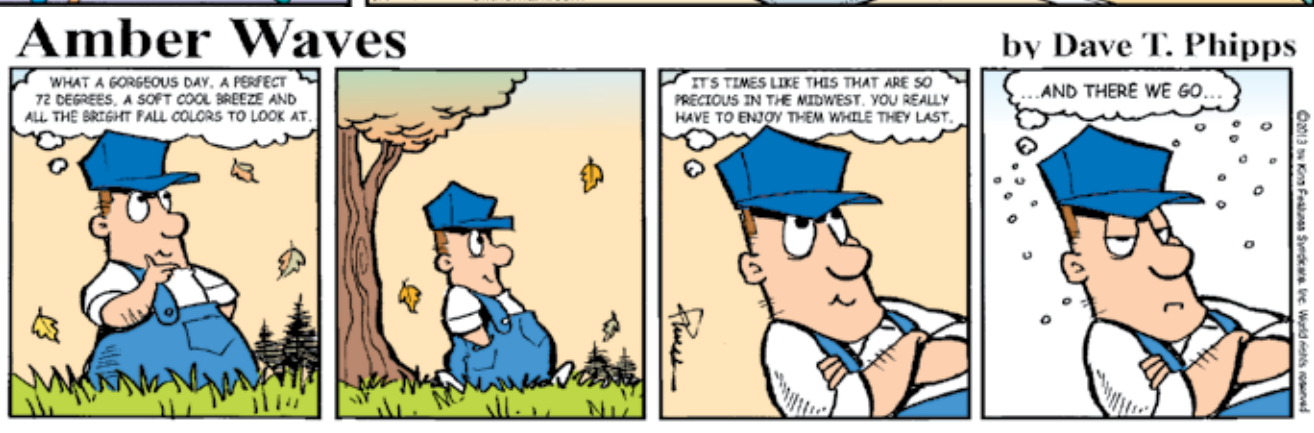
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Friendship Table: Free meal at St. Gabriel's Church in Marion, first and third Thursdays at the Congregational Church Community Center at 5:00 pm.

SHINE Counselor (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders): Medicare Open Enrollment is **through December 7**. Medicare plans change every year. This is the time to choose and review your coverage for 2014. Call the COA for appointment.

Newsletter Online: Please send your email address to sschwager@marionma.gov. Due to the cost of postage and printing, beginning in January the newsletter will only be mailed to those who request it. You may also access the newsletter on line at the Town website. The newsletter is available at the following locations: Eastern Bank, the Marion General Store, Library, Converse Realty, Post Office, and Hillers Fuel.

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Lisa Maclean	December 2
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Rachel Harkins	December 3
Arin Brackins	December 4
Ben Burns	December 4
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Joyce Lombard	December 4
Marissa Hughes	December 4
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Outreach Worker: Outreach Worker is available to meet in your home or at the COA office at Town House to assist with information, referrals, or assistance with applications. Call for appointment. The building is Handicap Accessible via a ramp which is located at the rear of the building.

Emergency Funds for Marion residents in need of emergency services such as food, fuel, utilities, and medications.

Speaker Series: Please note change in time, 12:00 pm. Bring lunch; we'll provide the beverage. **December 4,** Climate Change.

Book Delivery: The COA is collaborating with the Elizabeth Taber Library to offer free delivery of books to home-bound residents. Please call the library at 508-748-1252.

Legal Assistance: The second Thursday of the month. Basic legal advice. Appointments are needed.

LGBT Supper Club: LGBT Supper Club, for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender seniors on the fourth Wednesday of each month, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Suggested donation $3. Call the Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Ave., to sign up at 508-979-4029.

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Marion Natural History Museum Programs

December 4: Preparing for winter: During the winter months much of the woodland, wetland and shoreline animals seem to disappear, and others reappear. Where did our summer friends go? Who are some of these winter residents that have reappeared, and where did they come from? Let's explore these different adaptation options together.

December 18: Nature Crafts with the Marion Natural History Museum. We will work on projects for gift-giving using materials we find outside our front doors (volunteers to help with crafts would be most welcome). Light refreshments will be served.

All programs will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Cost for each program is $4 for members, $6 for nonmembers. All programs, except the seashore program, will be meeting at the museum, which is located on the second floor of the building we share with the Elizabeth Taber Library, Spring Street, Marion.

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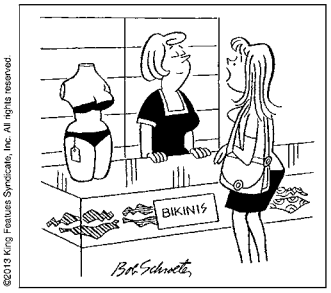
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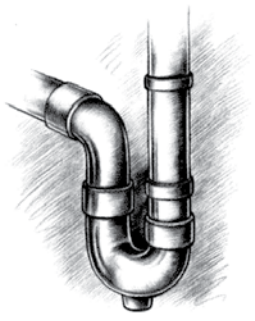
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This year, the Council will distribute about $4,000 in grants. Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www.mass-culture.org/lcc_public.aspx. Application forms are also available at the Elizabeth Taber Library, located at 8 Spring Street in Marion.

Most Valuable Student Scholarship

The Massachusetts Elks Association is pleased to announce its 2013-2014 academic year Most Valuable Student Scholarship program sponsored by the Elks National Foundation. Last year, Massachusetts was honored to have one of its students receive the National First-Place award of $60,000 ($15,000/year). The recipient of the prestigious award was Anish Athalye through the Worcester Lodge of Elks, #243. Anish will be attending MIT in the fall and we wish him well in his endeavors.

Through the Most Valuable Student Scholarship program, established in 1933, the Elks National Foundation has helped thousands of students who need financial assistance to fulfill their dreams of attending college. MVS scholars are outstanding students who are at or near the top of their class, active in school and community activities, and recognized as leaders by their peers. Students will be judged on scholarship, leadership and financial need and the award is available to any high school senior who is a U.S. Citizen.

The ENF awards $2,440,000 annually in MVS scholarships to 500 high school seniors nationwide, (19 in Massachusetts). The first- and second-place awards are the largest scholarships provided by any major fraternal or service organization.

Male and Female students compete separately for identical awards. Below is a chart of the national awards.

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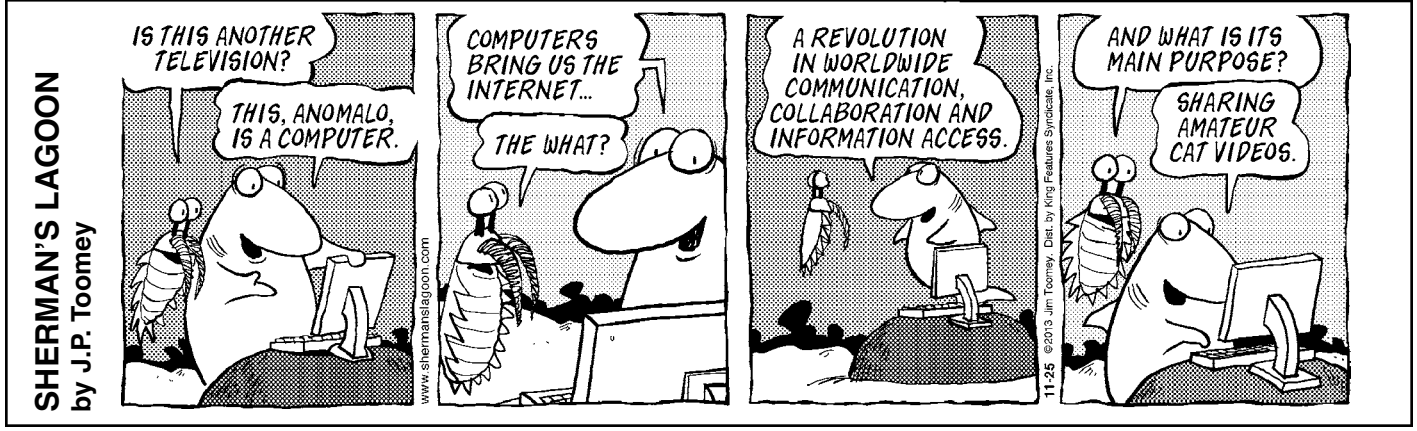
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year)

• 2 Third-Place Awards of $30,000 ($7,500/year)

• 14 Fourth-Place Awards of $20,000 ($5,000/year)

• 480 Runners-Up Awards of $4,000 ($1,000/year)

Massachusetts also has a total of 72 one-time $800 awards. Last year, the Massachusetts Elks Association granted a total of $197,600 to graduating seniors through this program.

Applications are available beginning September 1 online at www.elks.org/enf/scholars. Applications must be submitted on or before the deadline of **December 6** to the Elks Lodge closest to the student's permanent U.S. residence, regardless of distance. The selection of winners begins at the local Lodge level and continues through the district, state association and national judging.

If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Neale, Massachusetts State Chairman, at neale_bpoe1276@verizon.net.

Mattapoisett Free Public Library

New Story Walk: Families can take a stroll around the Mattapoisett Library's grounds and read a story together. A new Story Walk has been posted, just in time for back to school. The picture book "First Day Jitters" is written by Julie Danneberg. Follow each page around the property and leave your comment in the mailbox at the end. This is a fun book to read together, even when the library is closed.

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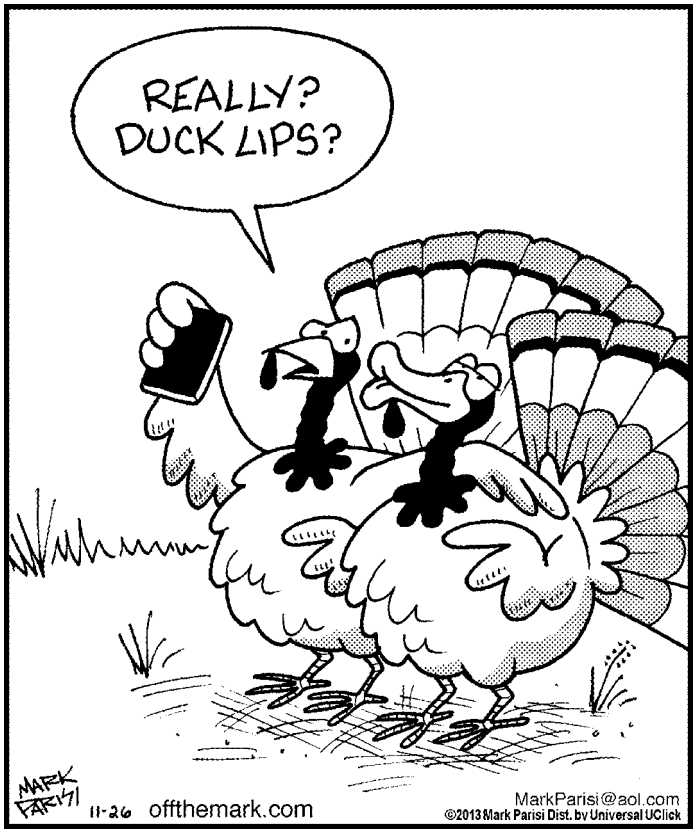
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Podrecca, Christopher Szatkowski, Ruth	Wells Fargo Bank NA	21 Brandt Island Rd	Mattapoisett	11/04/2013	214900
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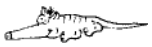
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Local Tides

Date	Day	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
November 28:	Thurs.	3:20	3:37	9:31	9:35
November 29:	Fri.	4:15	4:35	10:22	10:19
November 30:	Sat.	5:08	5:29	11:11	11:04
December 1:	Sun.	5:59	6:20	11:59	11:50
November 25:	Mon.	12:46	12:50	6:04	6:49
November 26:	Tues.	1:34	1:42	7:16	7:54
November 27:	Wed.	2:26	2:38	8:30	8:49
November 28:	Thurs.	3:20	3:37	9:31	9:35
November 29:	Fri.	4:15	4:35	10:23	10:19
November 30:	Sat.	5:08	5:29	11:11	11:04
December 1:	Sun.	5:59	6:20	11:59	11:50
December 2:	Mon.	6:48	7:11	. . .	12:49
December 3:	Tues.	7:39	8:02	12:39	1:40
December 4:	Wed.	8:29	8:54	1:28	2:29
December 5:	Thurs.	9:22	9:48	2:20	3:18
December 6:	Fri.	10:17	10:44	3:12	4:08
December 7:	Sat.	11:13	11:42	4:07	5:01
December 8:	Sun.	. . .	12:11	5:08	6:01

Phases of the Moon		
	New Moon	December 2nd
	First Quarter	December 9th
	Full Moon	December 17th
	Last Quarter	December 25th



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the November 21, 2013 issue the Aardvark was on page 1!

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3. Right; 4. Drain

Today's Word:

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Sudoku Answer

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